



CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
Murders and Non-Fatal Shootings

2015 2nd Quarter Report

Office of Criminal Justice Coordination

2015 2nd Quarter Overview

- **There were 46 murders in the 2nd Quarter (avg. 15.3 per month)**
 - Murders were up 7% (+3) over 2nd Quarter 2014
 - With 17 murders, the 7th District had the most murders
 - Central City, in the 6th District, had the most murders of any neighborhood (6)
 - 28.3% (13) of the 2nd Quarter murders were cleared within the quarter
- **There were 12 murder victims within the NOLA FOR LIFE target group (African-American male age 16-24) (26%)**
- **There were 100 non-fatal shooting victims in the 2nd Quarter (avg. 33.3 per month)**
 - Non-fatal shootings were down 19% (-23) under 2nd Quarter 2014
 - With 21 non-fatal shootings, the 7th District had the most non-fatal shootings
 - Central City, in the 6th District, had the most non-fatal shootings of any neighborhood (18)
 - 19% (19) of the 2nd Quarter non-fatal shootings were cleared within the quarter
- **There were 34 non-fatal shooting victims within the NOLA FOR LIFE target group (African-American male age 16-24) (34%)**

Target Neighborhoods Include: Behrman Area, Central City, Little Woods, and St. Roch Area.



2015 2nd Quarter Overview Continued

Summary of Murders

- Majority of murder victims were African-American males (76%)
- The average age of a murder victim was 30 years old
- Murder victims were more likely to be killed in a public space (65%) and were more likely to be drug-related (37%)
- A handgun was the most commonly used weapon in a murder (66%)
- Arrested murder suspects were exclusively African-American males (100%)
- The average age of an arrested murder suspect was 27 years old

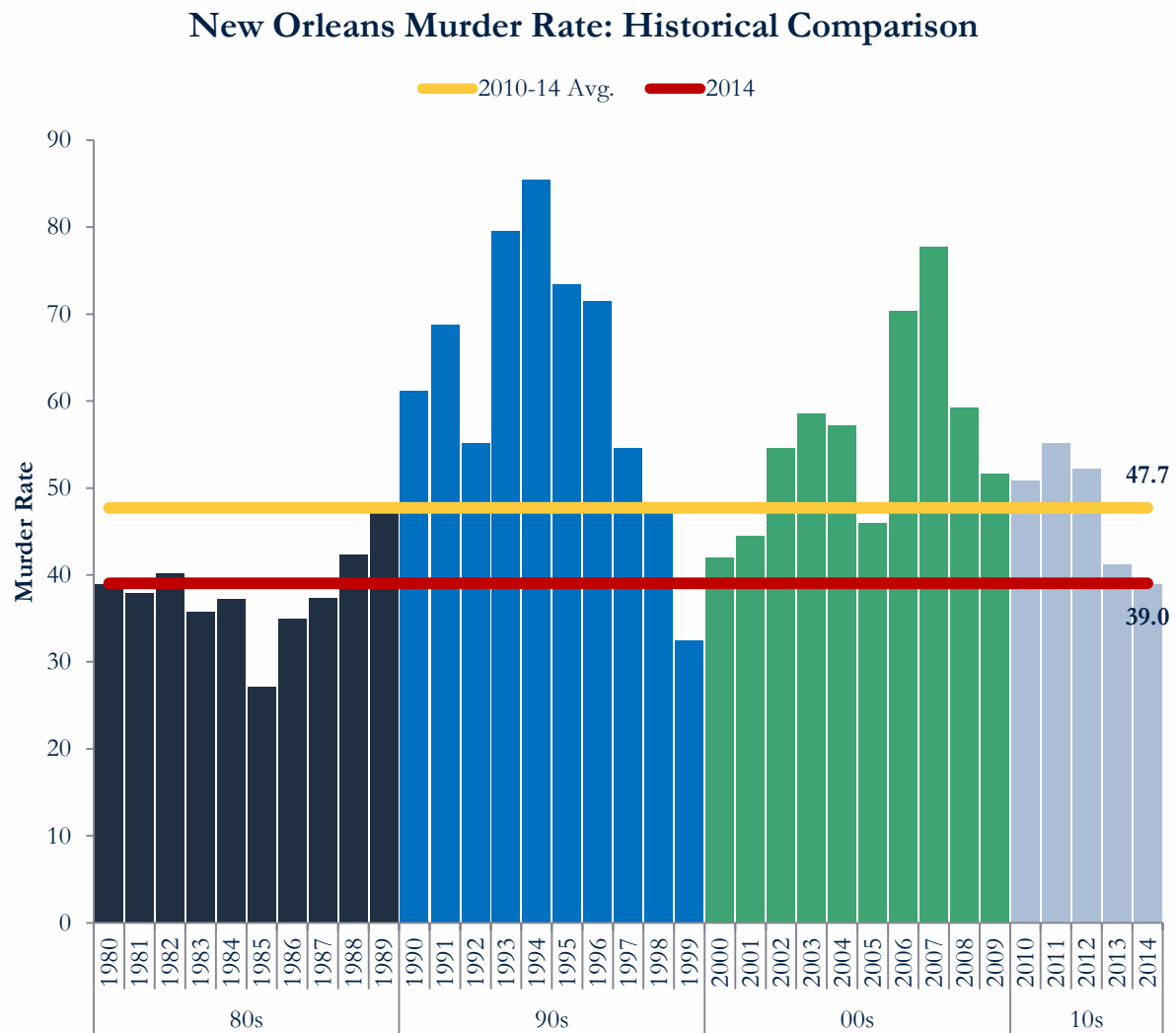
Summary of Non-fatal Shootings

- Majority of non-fatal shooting victims were African-American males (83%)
- The average age of a non-fatal shooting victim was 30 years old
- Non-fatal shooting victims were more likely to be shot in a public space (56%) and were equally likely the result of a disturbance or were drug related (31%)
- A handgun was the most commonly used firearm in a non-fatal shooting (77%)
- Arrested non-fatal shooting suspects were commonly African-American males (80%)
- The average age of an arrested non-fatal shooting suspect was 31 years old



Historical Murder Trend

- In 2014, New Orleans' murder rate was at its lowest point since 1999
- New Orleans murder rate was almost 20 points lower in 2014 (39.0) than it was a decade ago in 2004 (57.2)
- The average New Orleans murder rate since 2010 was more than 44% lower than it was two decades ago in 1994 (85.5)
- The average New Orleans murder rate has been 4.6 points lower since 2010 than the average murder rate from 1980 to 2009 (47.7 to 52.3)

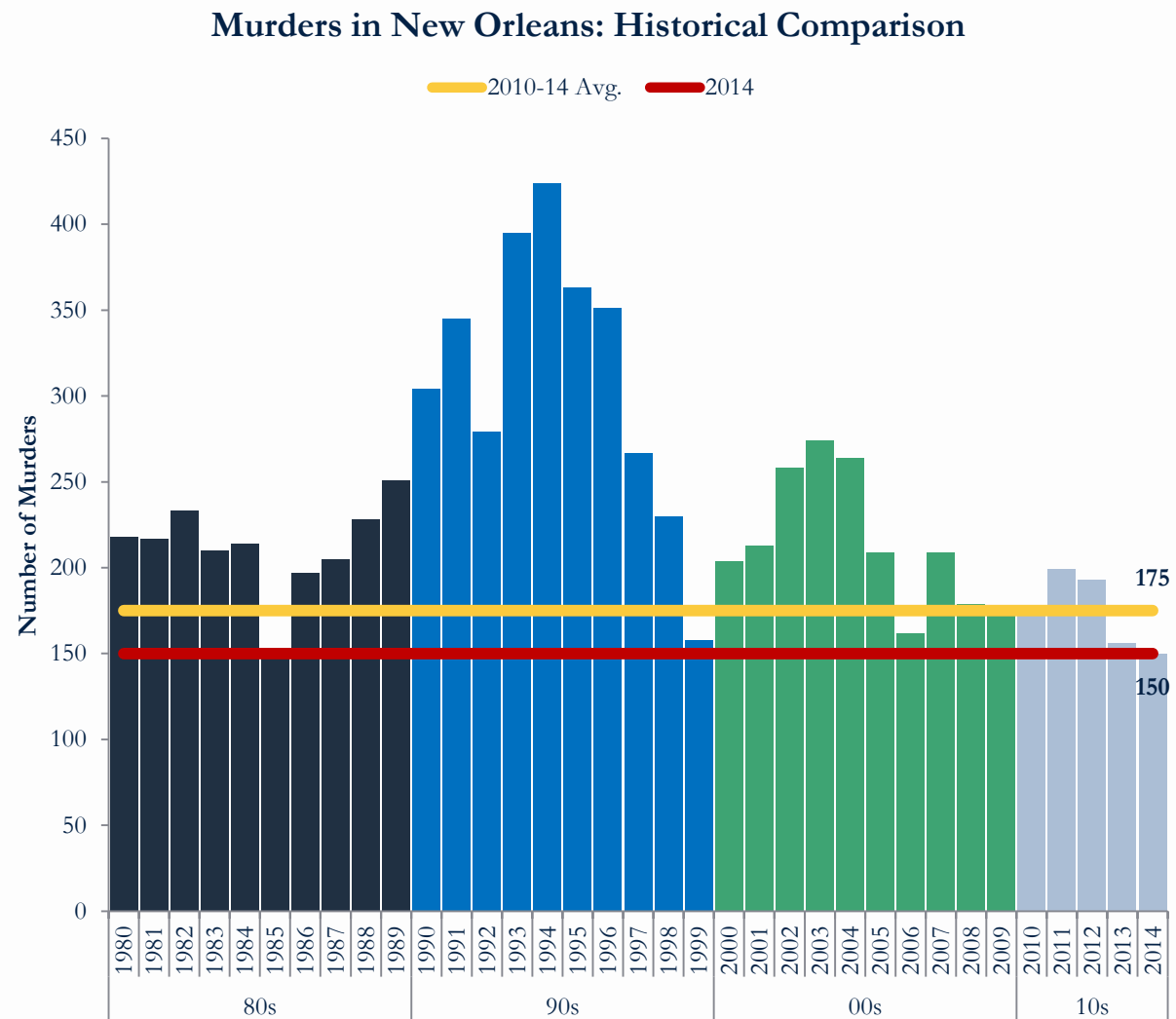


Average Murder Rate by Decade: 1980s – 37.9; 1990s – 63; 2000s – 56.2; 2010s – 47.7



Historical Murder Trend

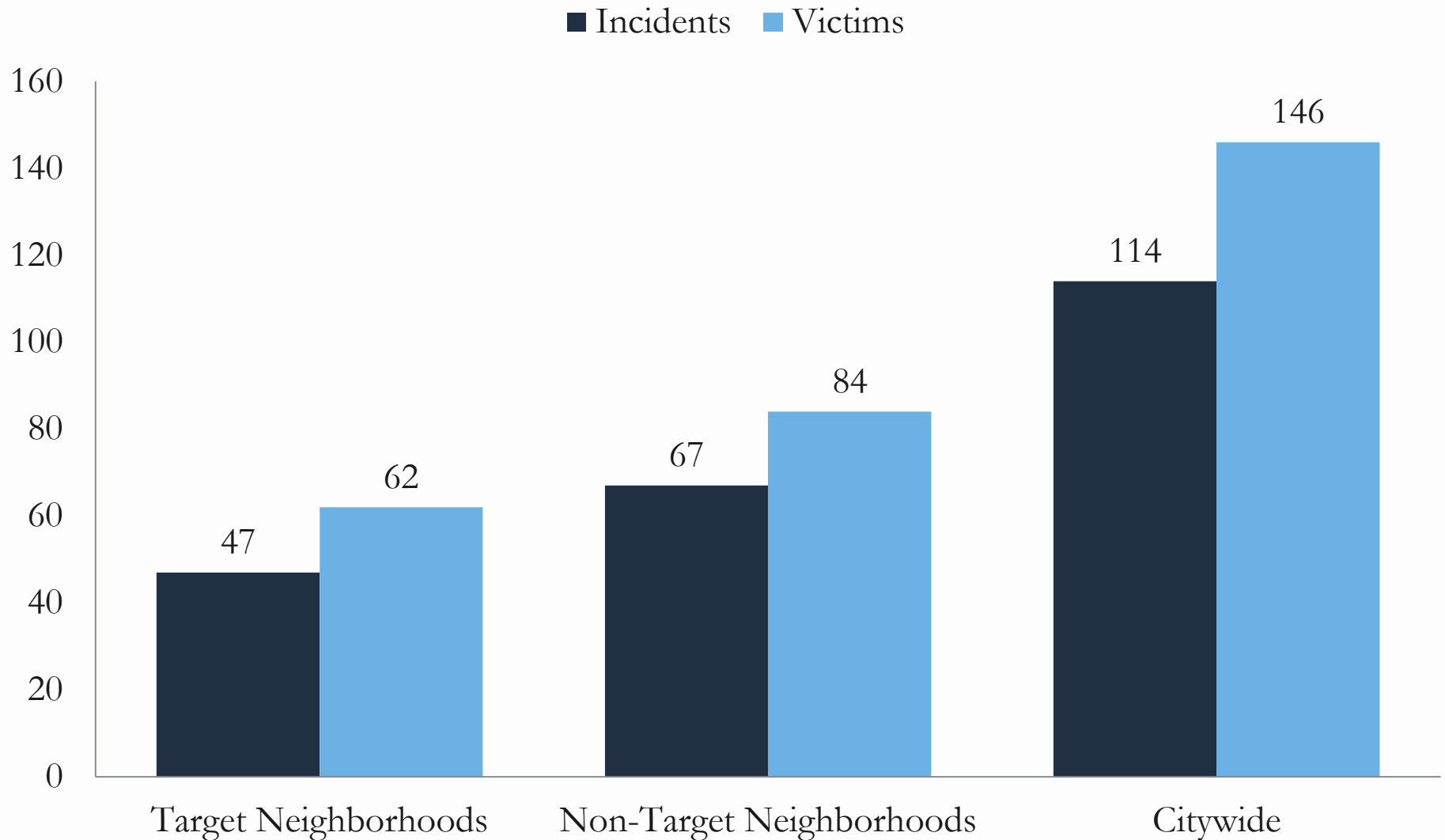
- In 2014, New Orleans experienced the lowest number of murders, 150, in 43 years
- Compared to an average of the previous 10 years, New Orleans saw a 21.9% reduction in murder in 2014 compared to the previous 10 year average (2004-2013: 192)
- On average, 2010-14 has seen 33% fewer murders per year compared to the two decades prior
- Since 2010, the average murder count (175) decreased more than 29% compared to the yearly average murder count from 1980 to 2009 (246)



Average Murder Count by Decade: 1980s – 212.5; 1990s – 311.6; 2000s – 214.6; 2010s – 174.6



Murders and Non-Fatal Shootings - 2nd Quarter



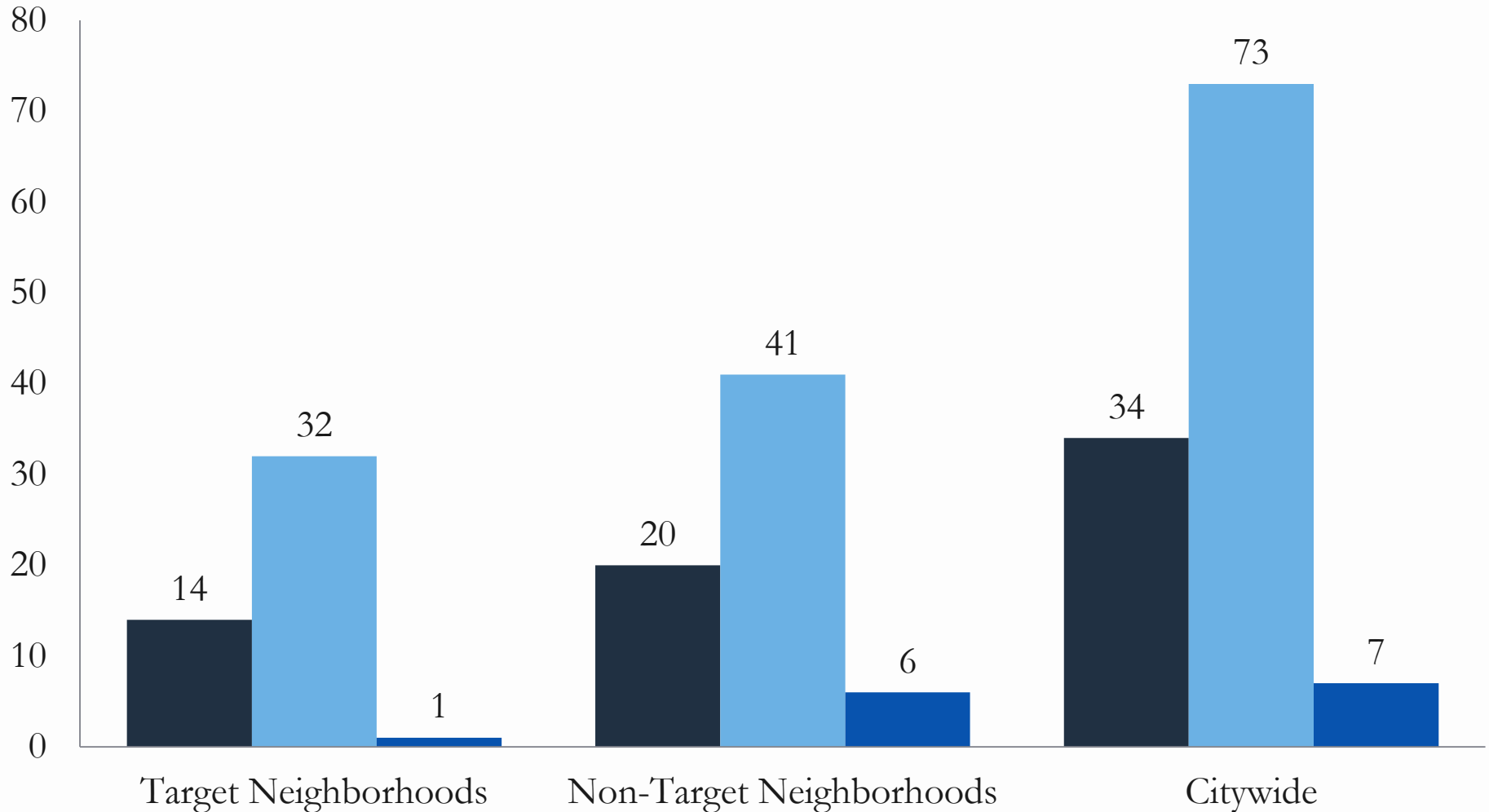
Note on murders: Totals do not include justifiable/negligent homicides or police shootings



Target Neighborhoods Include: Behrman Area, Central City, Little Woods, and St. Roch Area.

Incidents by Type

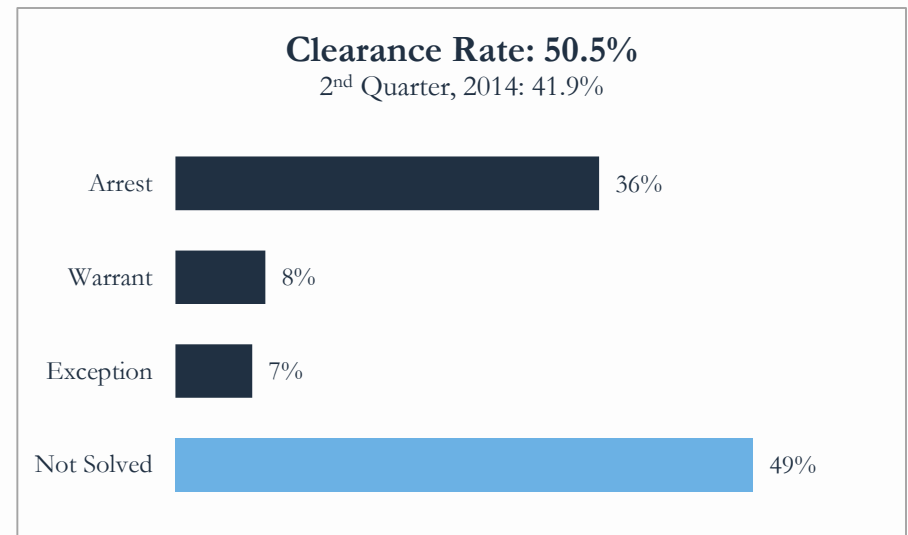
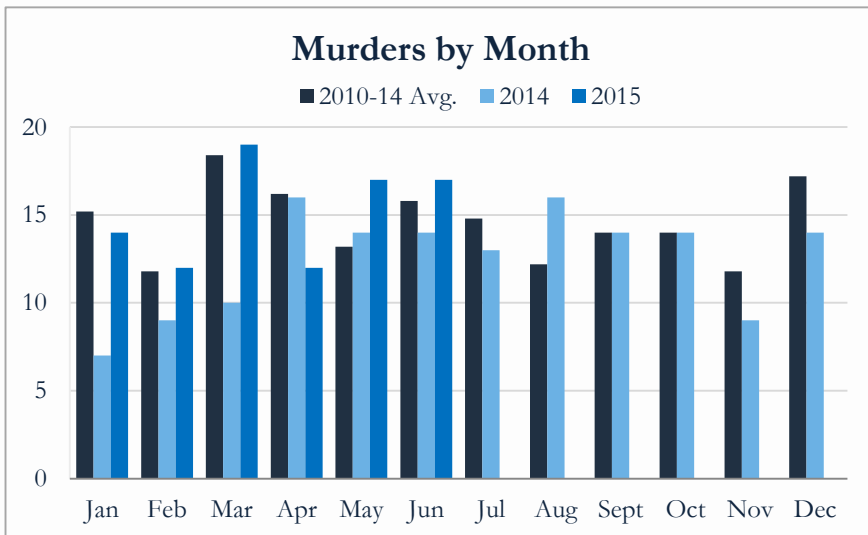
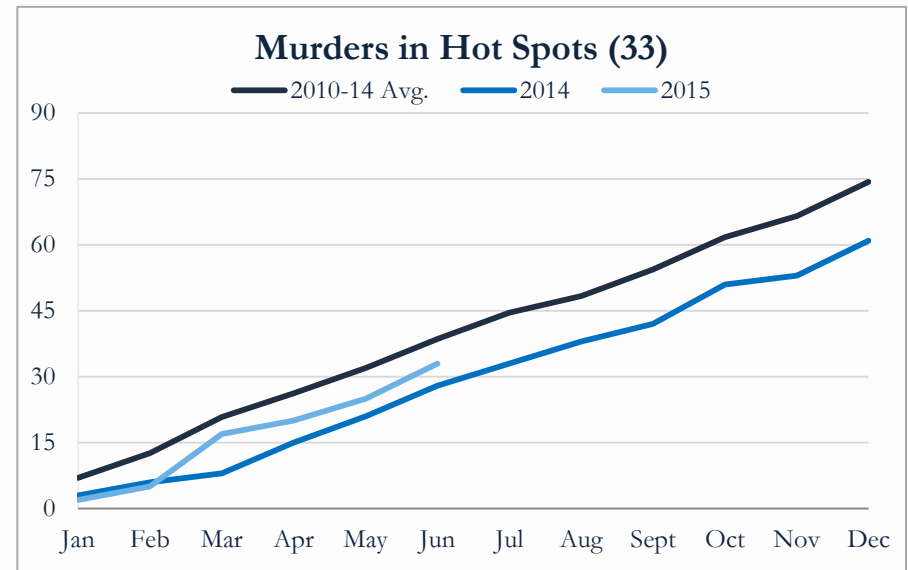
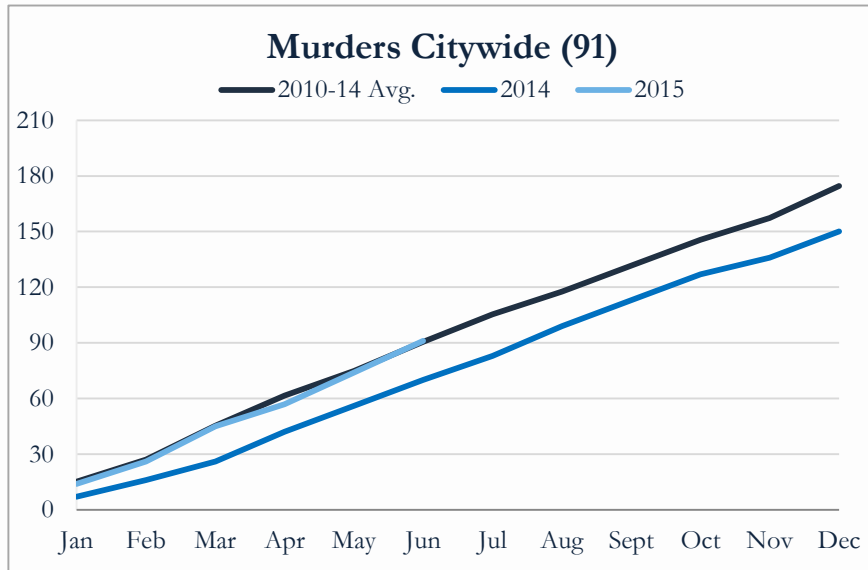
■ Murders ■ Non-Fatal Shootings ■ Murder Incidents with Non-Fatal Shooting Victim(s)



Target Neighborhoods Include: Behrman Area, Central City, Little Woods, and St. Roch Area.



Murder Trends

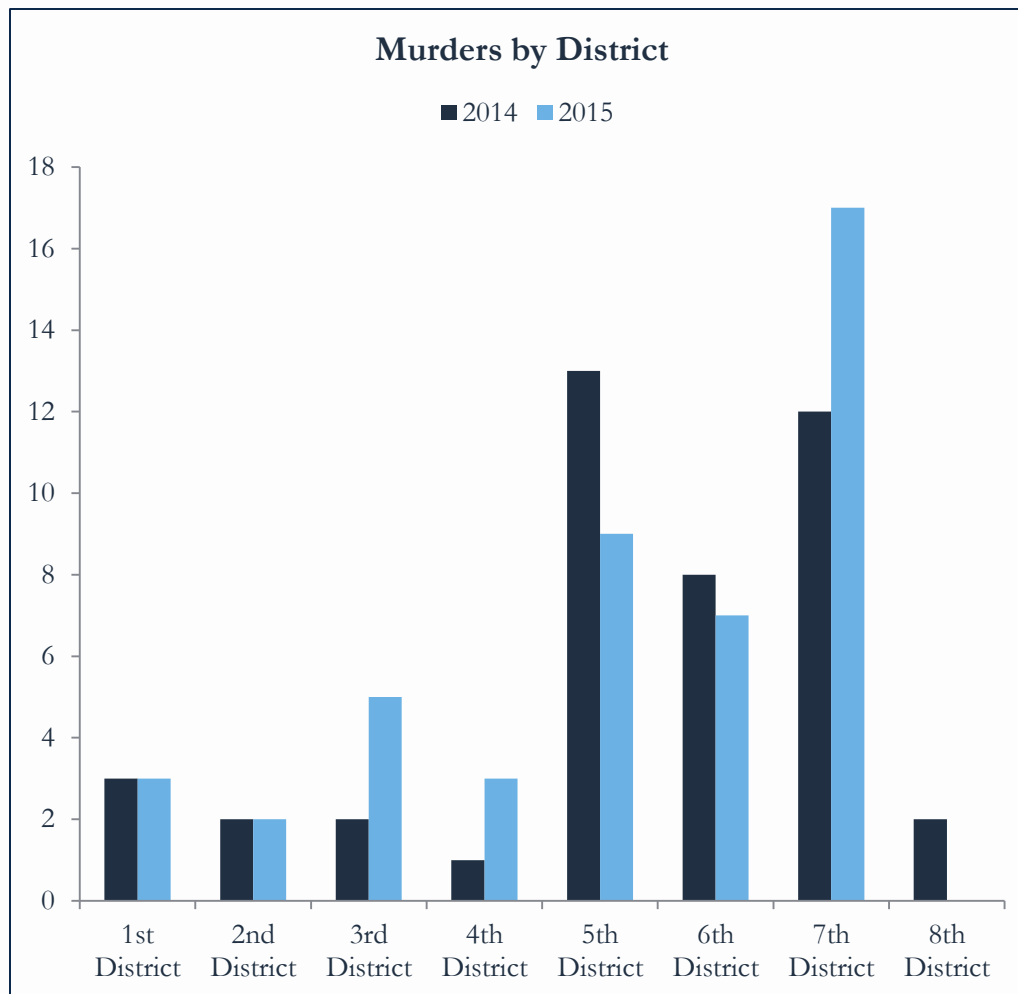


Note on murders: Totals do not include justifiable/negligent homicides or police shootings.



Murders by District

- In the 2nd Quarter 2015, the 8th District did not record a murder
- Murders in the 5th District decreased more than 30% under 2014 for the 2nd Quarter (-4)
- The 7th District experienced the largest numeric increase in murders over the 2nd Quarter 2014 (+5)



Target Neighborhoods are located in the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th Districts.



Murders by Target Neighborhood

- The St. Roch Area saw the greatest reduction in murders under the 2nd Quarter 2014 (-5)
- Little Woods is the only Target Neighborhood to experience an increase in murders in the 2nd Quarter over 2014 (+2)



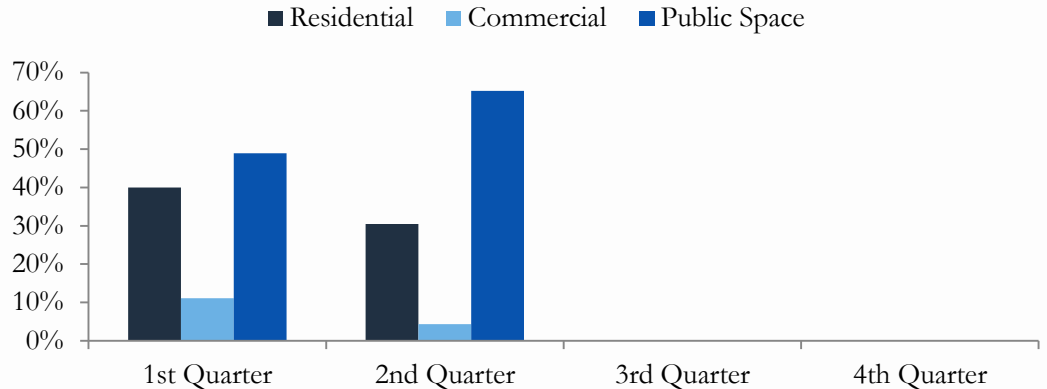
Target Neighborhoods Include: Behrman Area, Central City, Little Woods, and St. Roch Area.



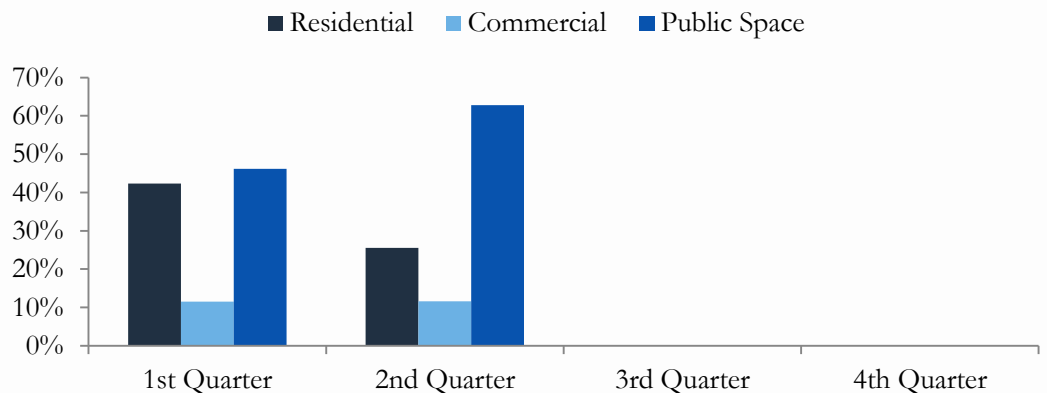
Murder Trends

- There was no significant difference in murder locales in the 2nd Quarter between 2014 and 2015
- The majority of murders were committed in a public space
- Murders have occurred least in commercial locations

Murders by Type of Location, 2015



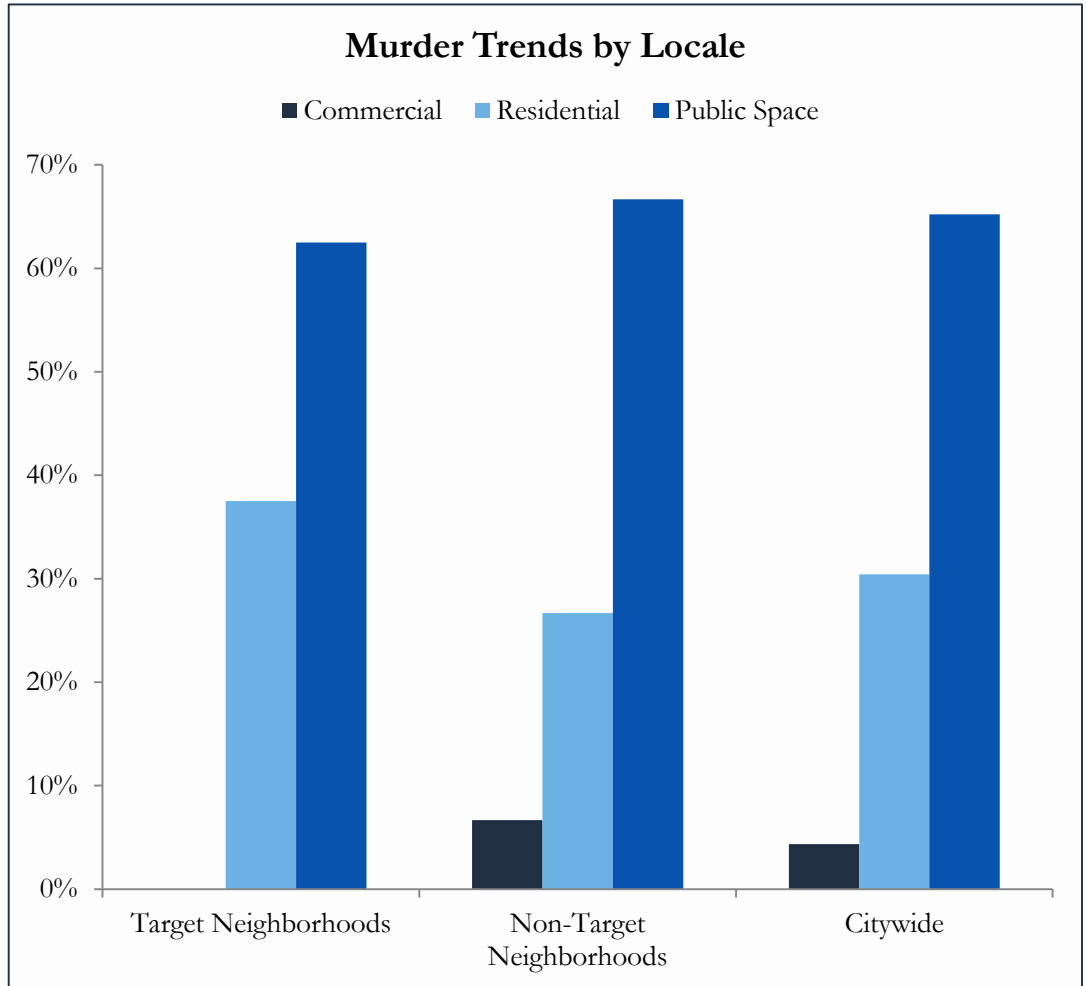
Murder by Type of Location, 2014



Murder Trends

By Target Neighborhoods, Non-Target Neighborhoods, and Citywide, 2015

- Murder victims were more likely to be killed in a public space than any other location in both Target and Non-Target Neighborhoods
- Similar to the Citywide trend, over 60% of murders in Target Neighborhoods in the 2nd Quarter occurred in a public space
- Only Non-Target Neighborhoods recorded a murder in a commercial location in the 2nd Quarter



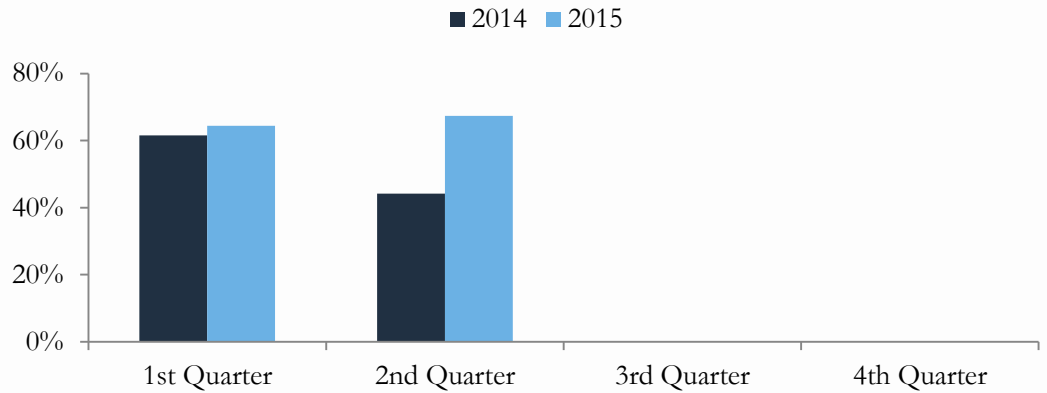
Target Neighborhoods Include: Behrman Area, Central City, Little Woods, and St. Roch Area.



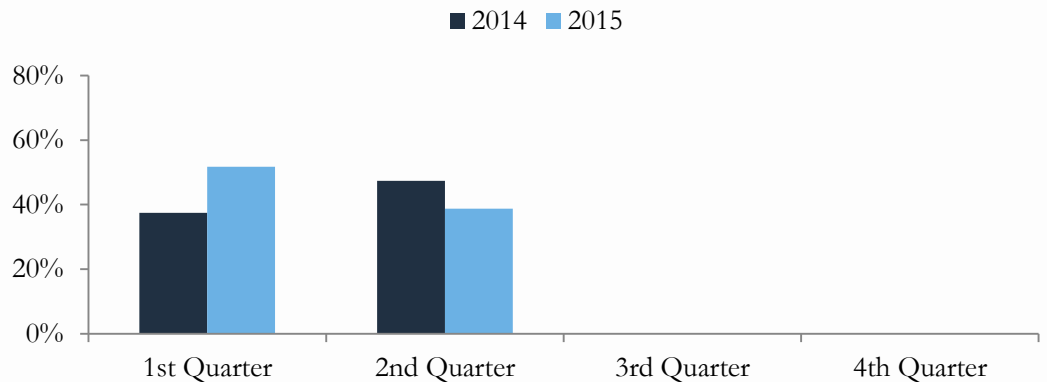
Murder Trends

- There was no significant difference in murder victims that died at the scene in the 2nd Quarter from the 1st Quarter
- Murder victims were more likely to die at the scene in 2nd Quarter 2015 than in 2nd Quarter 2014 (+28 percentage points)
- Murder victims were less likely to die at the scene from GSWs to the head in the 2nd Quarter (39%) compared to the 1st Quarter (52%)

Percent of All Murder Victims that Died at the Scene



Percent of Murder Victims that Died at the Scene with a GSW to the Head



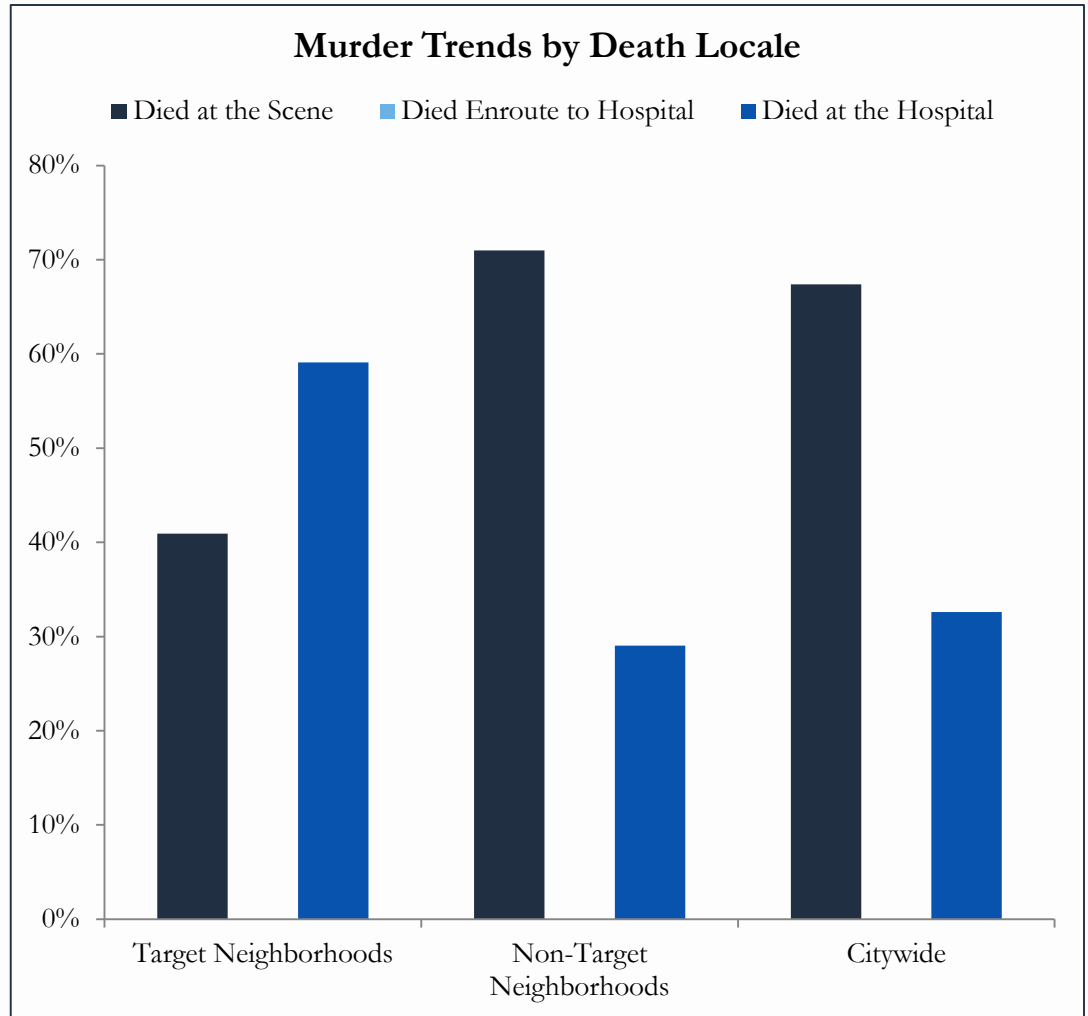
Note: GSW - Gunshot wound victims



Murder Trends

By Target Neighborhoods, Non-Target Neighborhoods, and Citywide, 2015

- Murder victims in Target Neighborhoods were less likely to die at the scene of the incident than Non-Target Neighborhoods in the 2nd Quarter
- No murder victim in the 2nd Quarter died enroute to the hospital



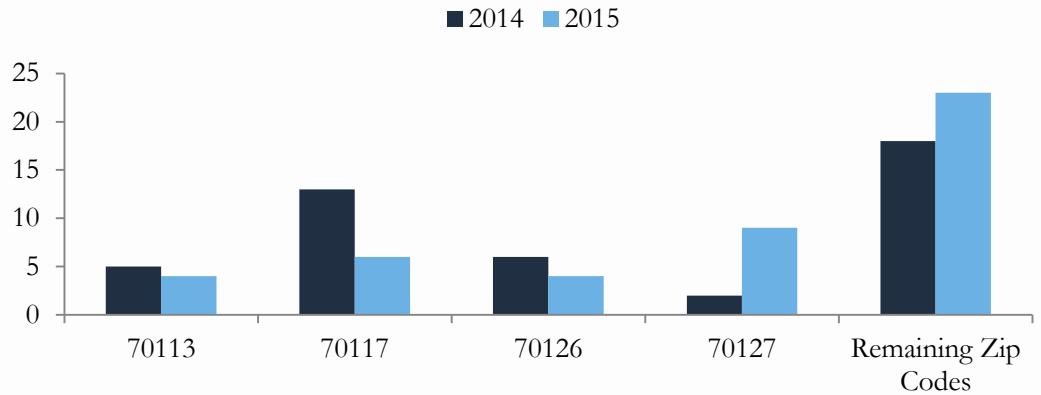
Target Neighborhoods Include: Behrman Area, Central City, Little Woods, and St. Roch Area.



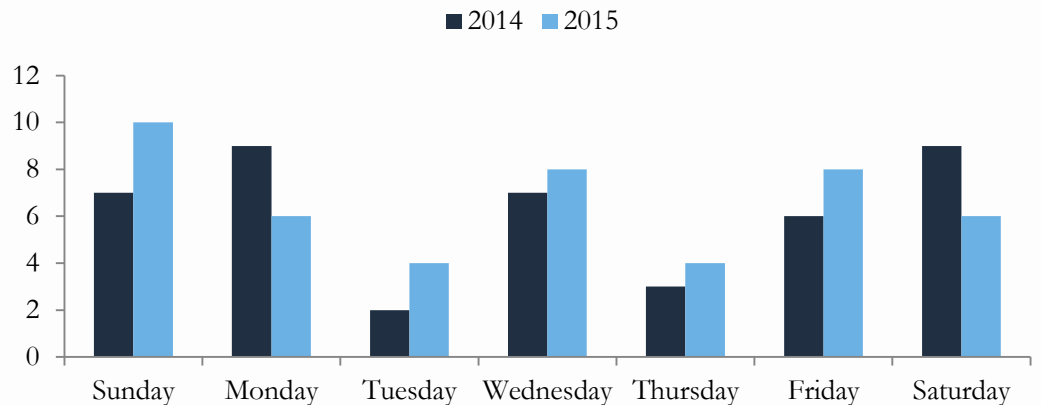
Murder Trends

- Fifty percent (23) of all murders occurred in 4 zip codes (26% of the City's population)
- Monday and Saturday experienced the only decrease in murders under 2nd Quarter 2014 (-33%) each
- More than 56% of murders occurred on either a Sunday, Wednesday, or Friday

Murders by Zip Code with 5 or More Victims



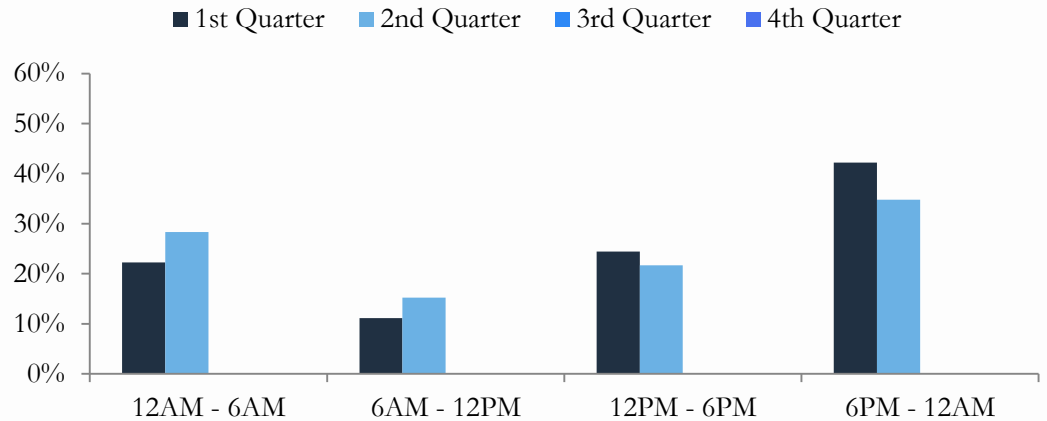
Murders by Day of the Week



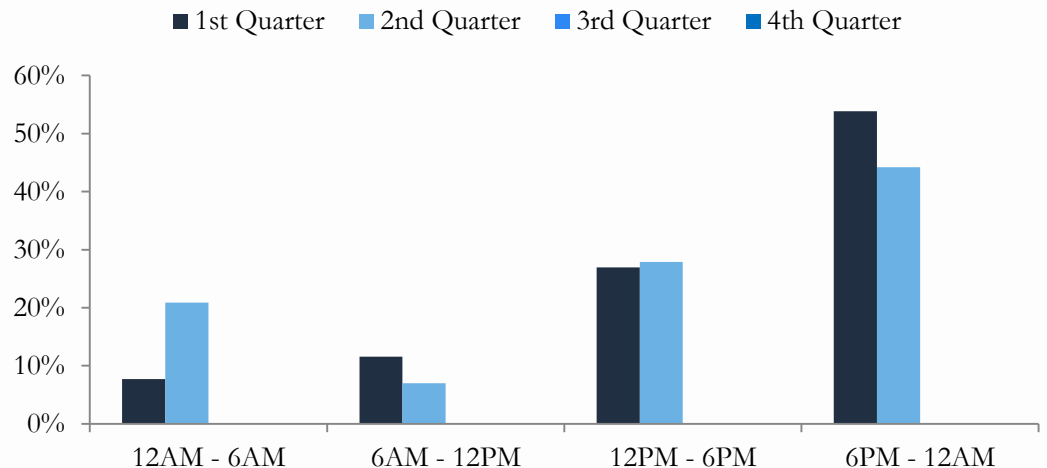
Murder Trends

- The 2015 2nd Quarter, time intervals 12PM – 6PM and 6PM – 12AM both saw a decrease in murders under the 2015 1st Quarter (-2 and -7 percentage points respectively)
- There was no significant change in 2015 2nd Quarter compared to 2014 2nd Quarter

Murders by Time Category, 2015



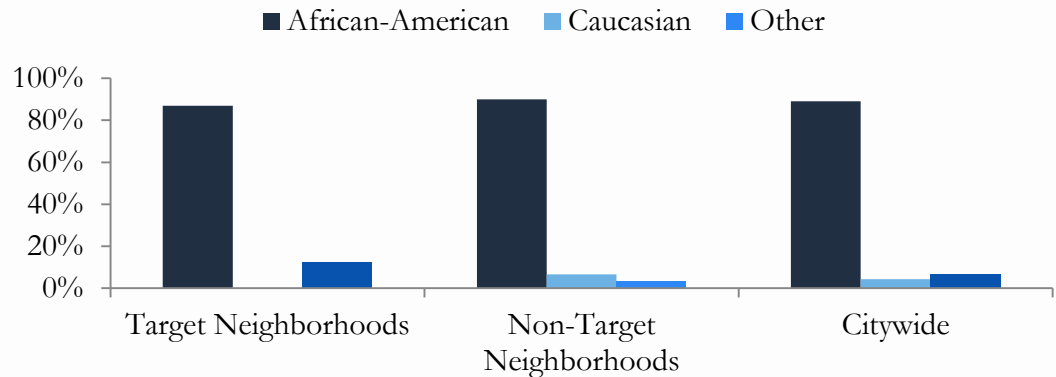
Murders by Time Category, 2014



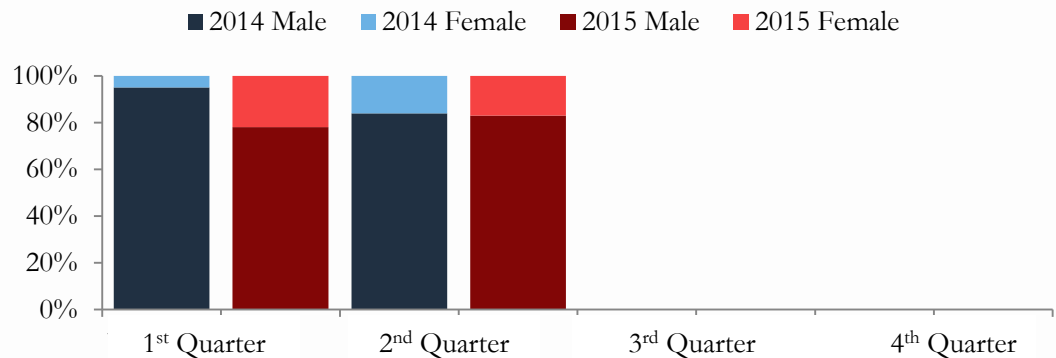
Murder Victims' Demographics

- African-Americans made up more than 85% of murder victims in both Target and Non-Target Neighborhoods in the 2nd Quarter
- The proportion of female murder victims in the 2nd Quarter decreased under the 1st Quarter by approximately 5 percentage points (-2)

Murder Victims by Race by Neighborhood, 2015



Murder Victims, by Gender

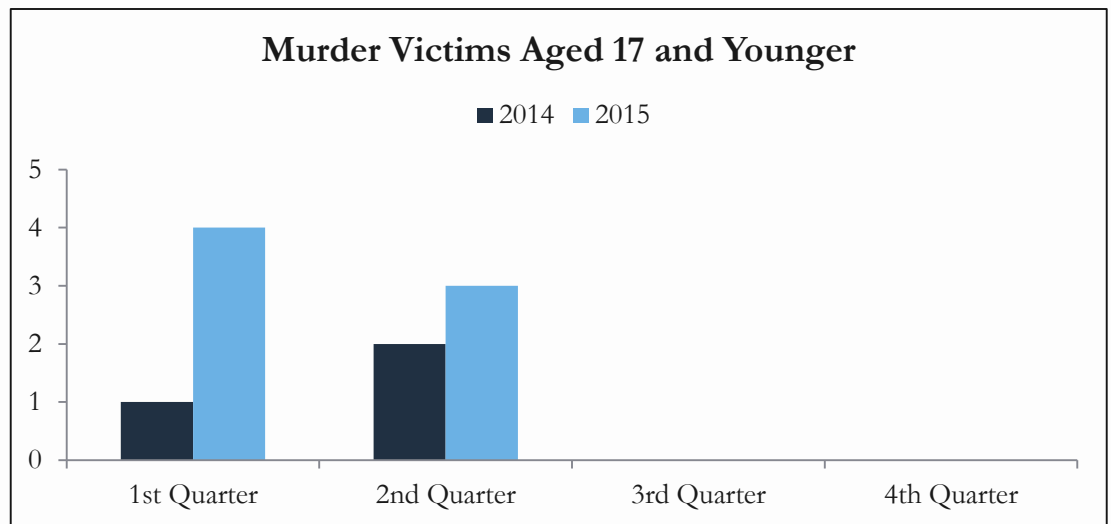
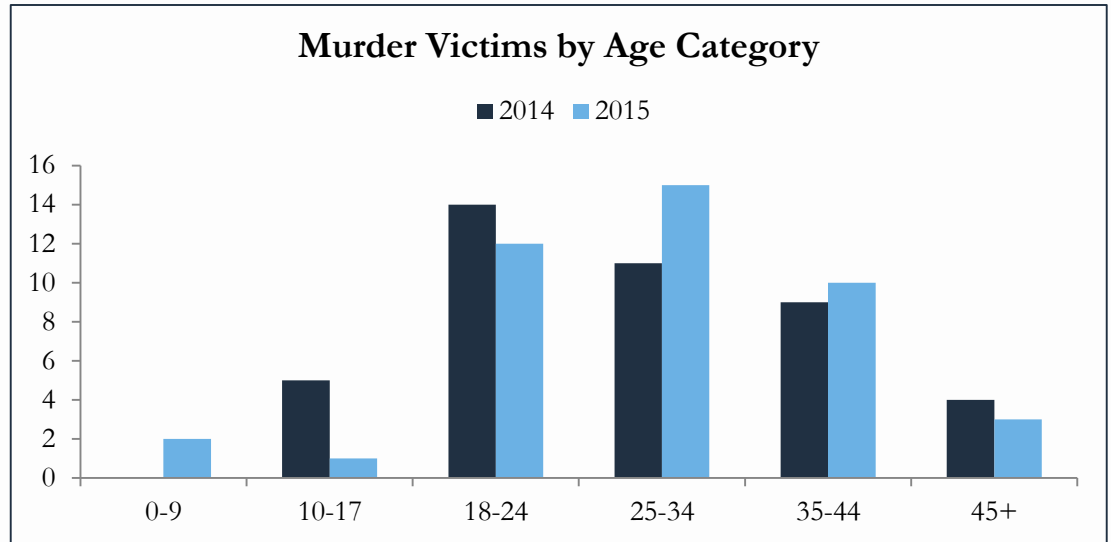


Target Neighborhoods Include: Behrman Area, Central City, Little Woods, and St. Roch Area.



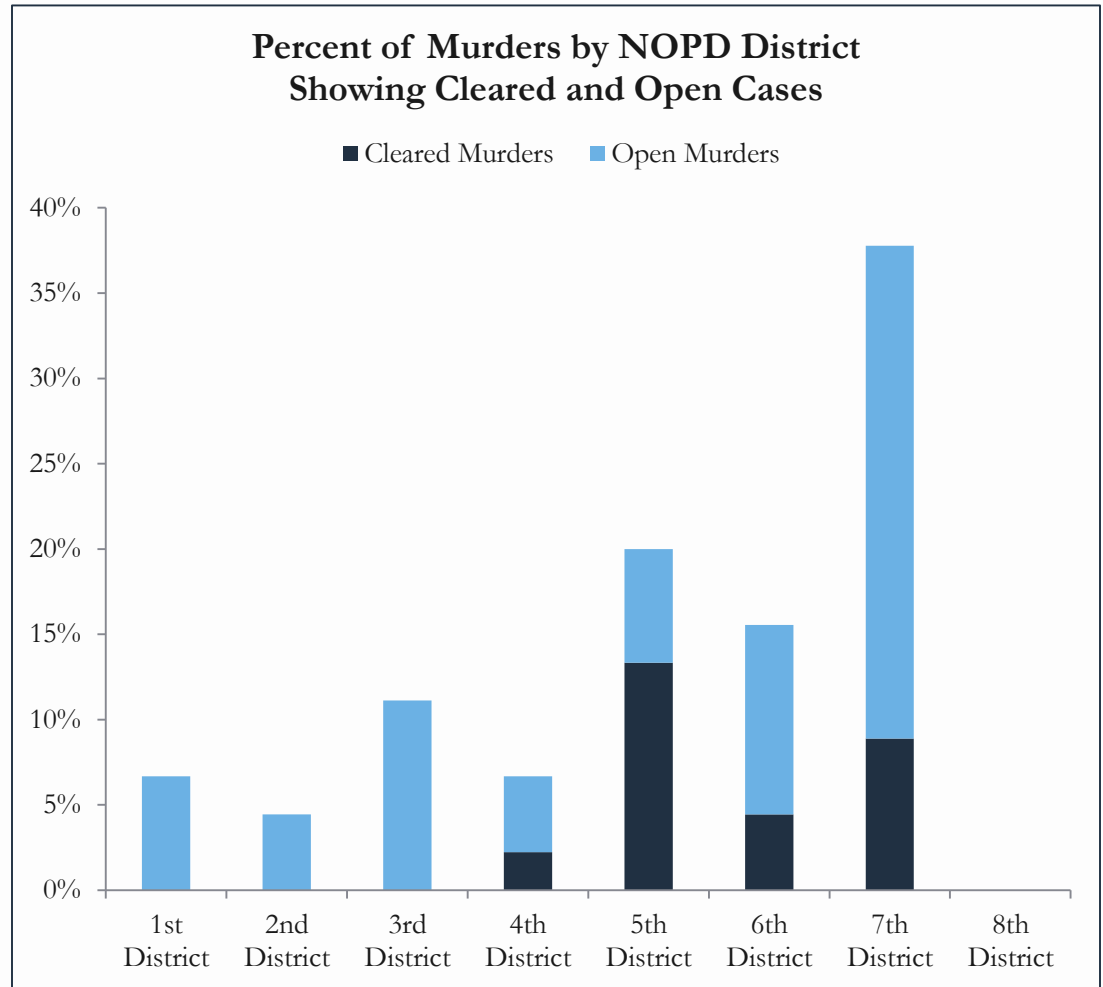
Murder Victims' Demographics

- There were 3 murder victims under the age of 18 in the 2nd Quarter 2015; 2 were younger than 10 years old
- There was an overall decrease in the number of murder victims between the ages of 10 and 24 (-6) in the 2nd Quarter 2015 compared to 2nd Quarter 2014
- Murder victims aged 17 and younger increased for the second consecutive quarter over the respective quarter 2014 (+300% and +50% for the 1st and 2nd Quarter respectively)
- Murder victims within the NOLA FOR LIFE target group made up 26% of all murders (46) in the 2nd Quarter compared to 40% of all murders (43) in the 2nd Quarter 2014



Murder Clearance Rate by NOPD District

- There were zero murders recorded in the 8th District in the 2nd Quarter
- The 5th and 6th Districts both improved their murder clearance rates in the 2nd Quarter 2015 compared to the 2nd Quarter 2014 (+31 and +4 percentage points respectively)
- The 7th District accounted for the most murders of all districts (38%) and cleared about 24% of the cases
- The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Districts did not clear any of the murders that occurred in the 2nd Quarter



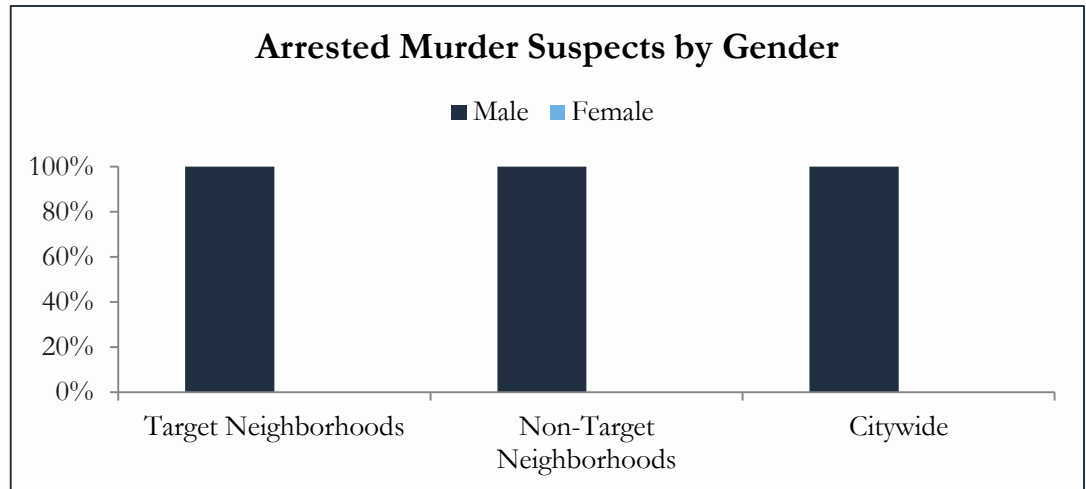
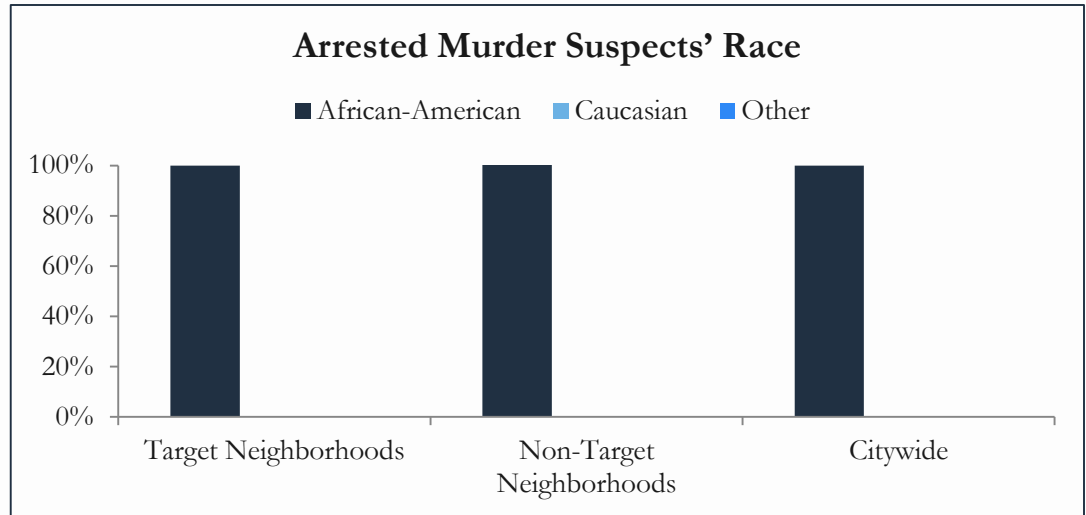
Note: Murder clearance rate is calculated by dividing the number of murders cleared by arrest, warrant, and exception by the total number of murders



Arrested Murder Suspects' Demographics

By Target Neighborhoods, Non-Target Neighborhoods, and Citywide, 2015

- There were 18 suspects arrested for murder in the 2nd Quarter
- Arrested murder suspects throughout the city were exclusively African-American males in the 2nd Quarter

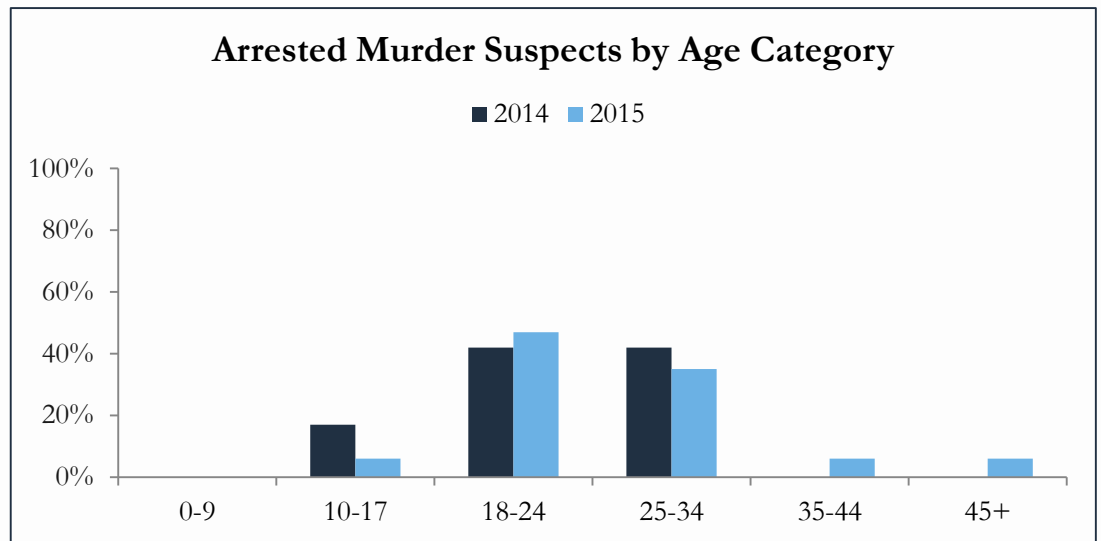
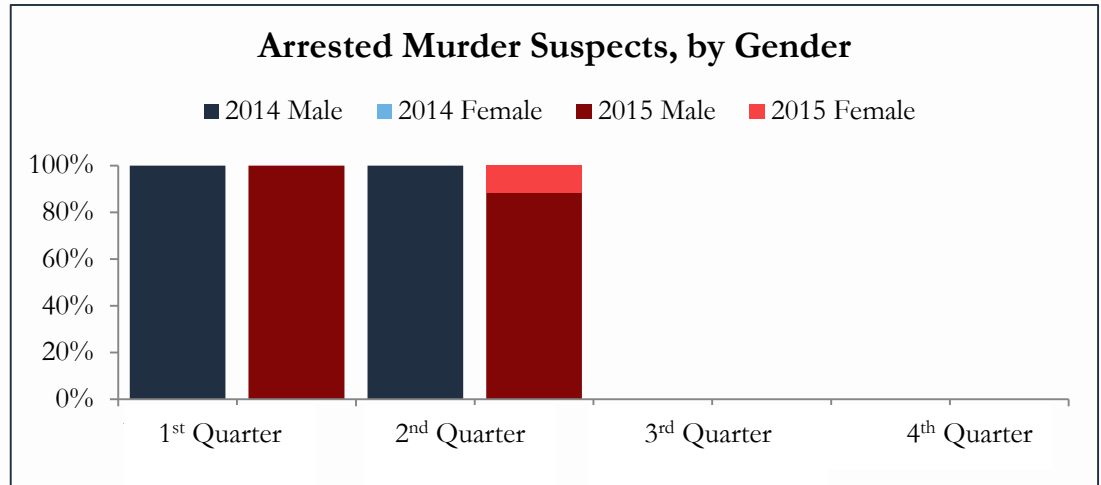


Target Neighborhoods Include: Behrman Area, Central City, Little Woods, and St. Roch Area.



Arrested Murder Suspects' Demographics

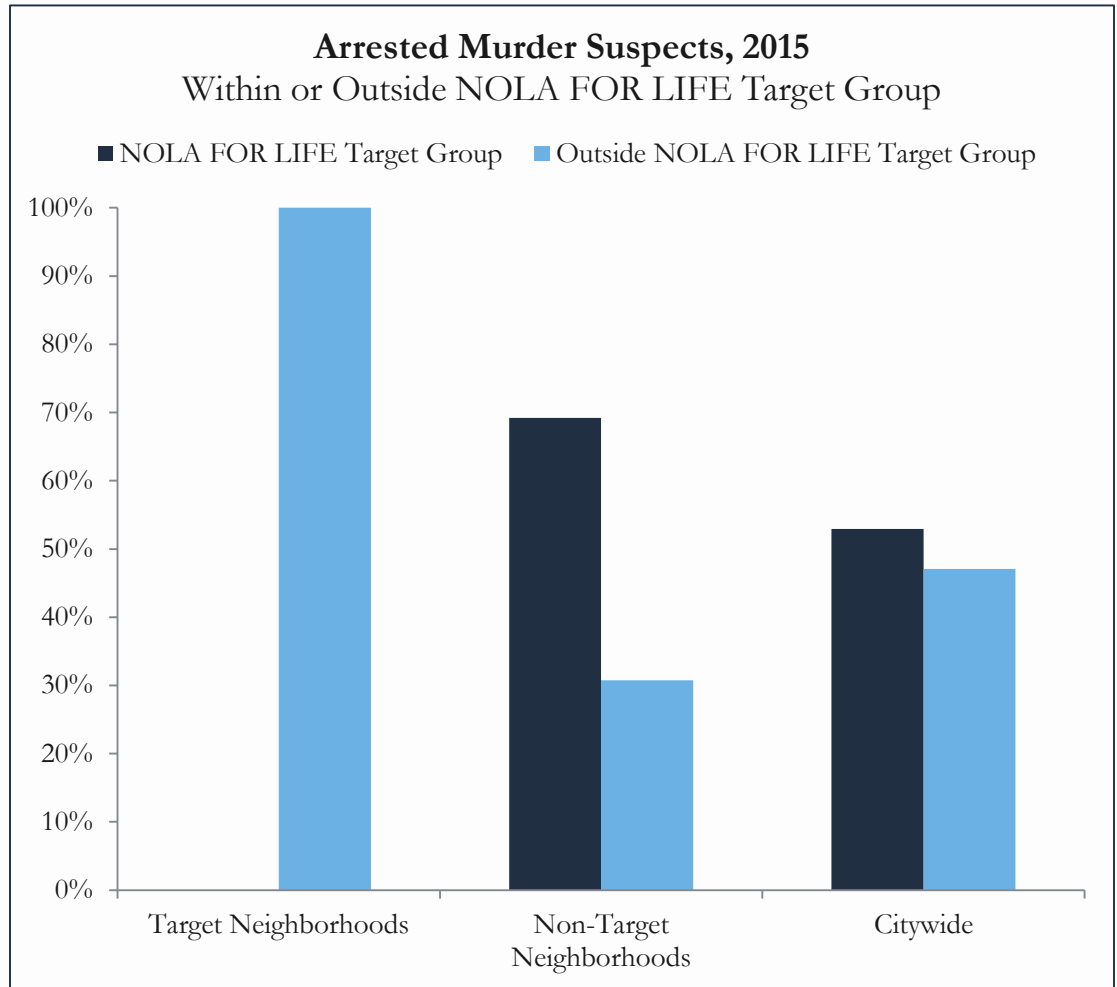
- Two of the 18 arrested murder suspects in the 2nd Quarter 2015 were females
- Almost 50% of the arrested murder suspects were between the ages of 18-24



Arrested Murder Suspects' Demographics

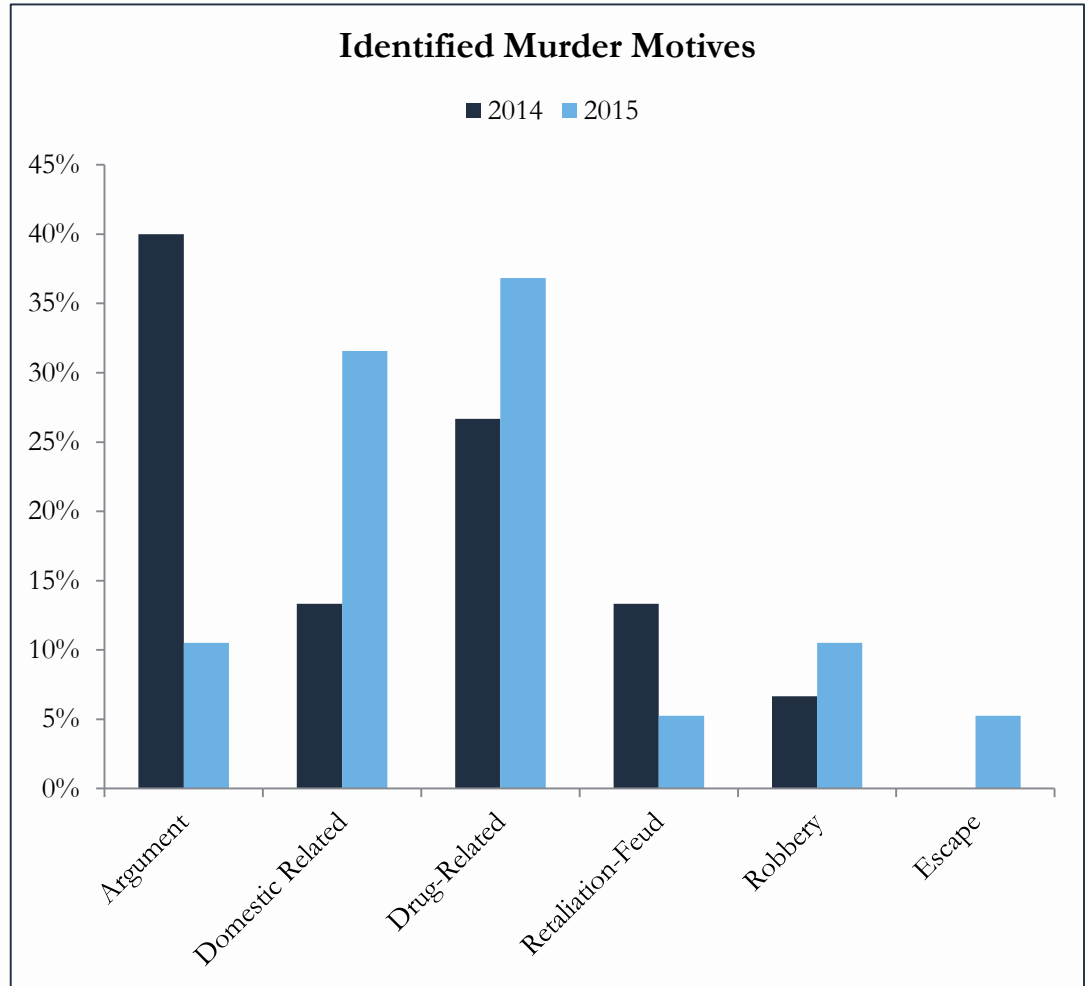
By Target Neighborhoods, Non-Target Neighborhoods, and Citywide, 2015

- None of the arrested murder suspects in the Target Neighborhoods fit the NOLA FOR LIFE target group of African-American males between the ages of 16-24
- There were significantly more arrested murder suspects in the NOLA FOR LIFE target group in Non-Target Neighborhoods (10) compared to those outside (4) during the 2nd Quarter (+38 percentage points)
- The average age of an arrested murder suspect older than the NOLA FOR LIFE target group was 27 years old



Identified Murder Motives

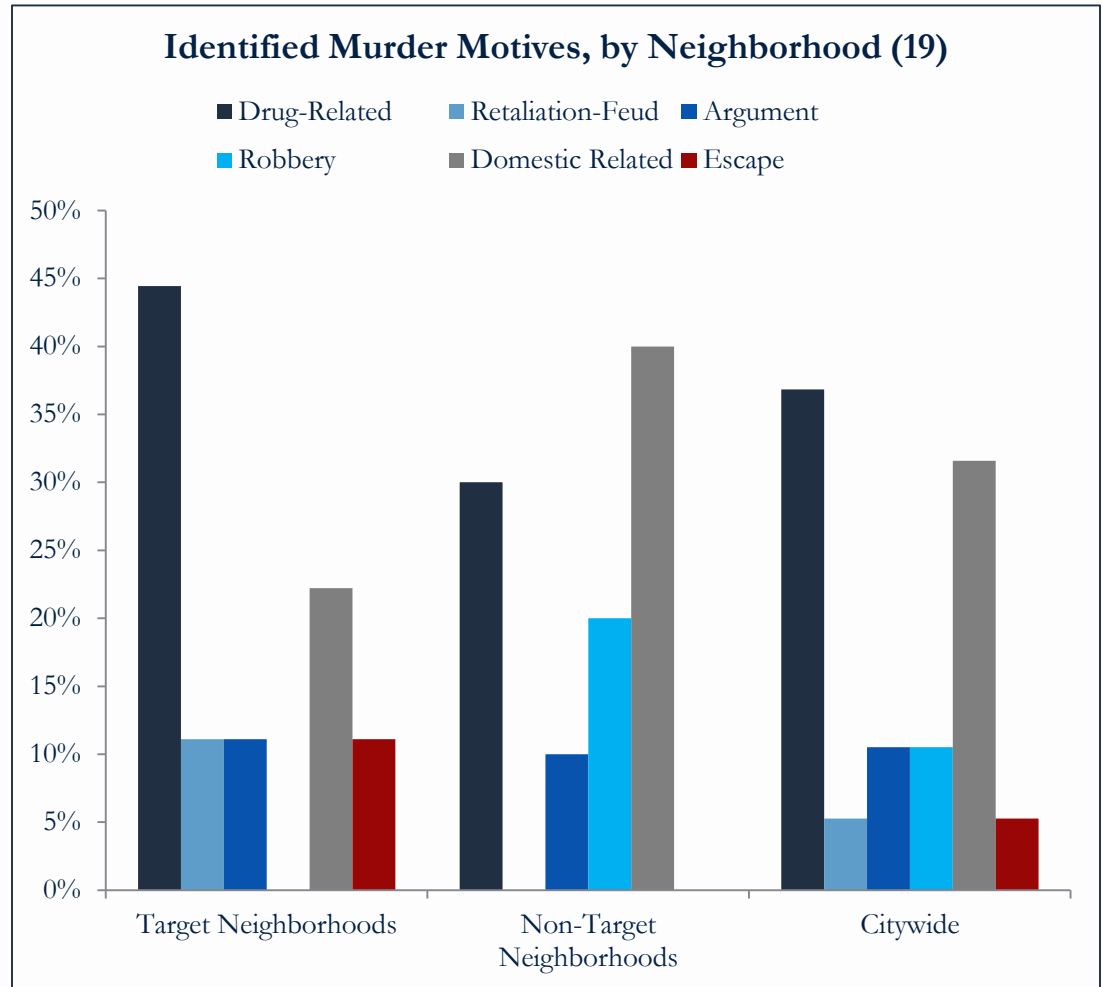
- In the 2nd Quarter 2014, 15 of 43 (35%) murders had an identified motive; and in the 2nd Quarter 2015, 19 of 46 (41%) murders had an identified motive
- The one murder related to escape was that of an NOPD Officer while on duty by an arrested suspect
- Murders related to arguments and retaliation-feuds decreased in the 2nd Quarter under 2014 (-29 and -8 percentage points respectively)
- The plurality of identified murder motives in 2nd Quarter 2015 was drug-related compared to arguments in 2nd Quarter 2014
- Domestic related murders increased from 2 in the 2nd Quarter 2014 to 6 in the 2nd Quarter 2015.



Identified Murder Motives

By Target Neighborhoods, Non-Target Neighborhoods, and Citywide, 2015

- The plurality of identified murder motives in Target Neighborhoods was drug-related compared to the plurality in Non-Target Neighborhoods which was domestic related for the 2nd Quarter
- Murders related to retaliation-feuds only occurred in Target Neighborhoods in the 2nd Quarter

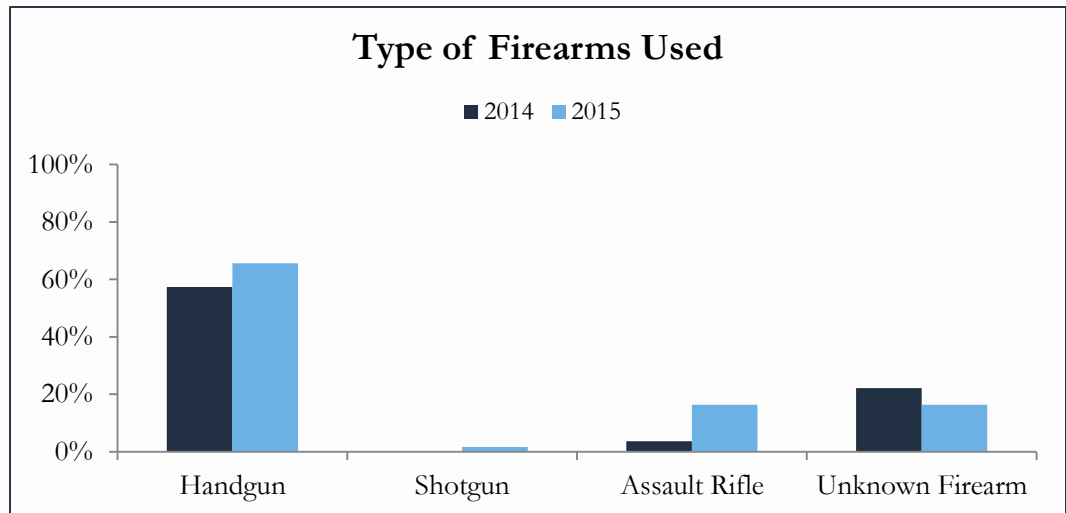
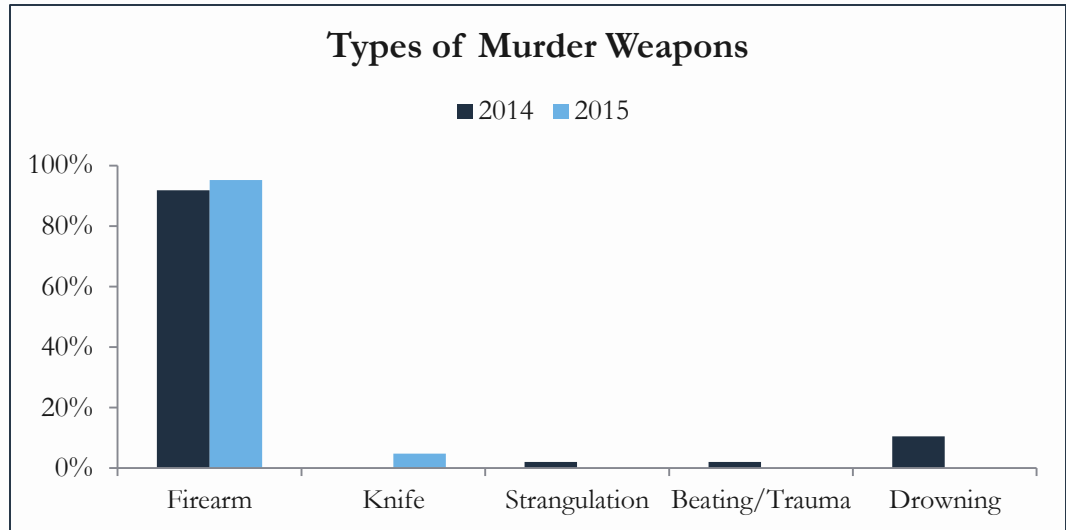


Target Neighborhoods Include: Behrman Area, Central City, Little Woods, and St. Roch Area.

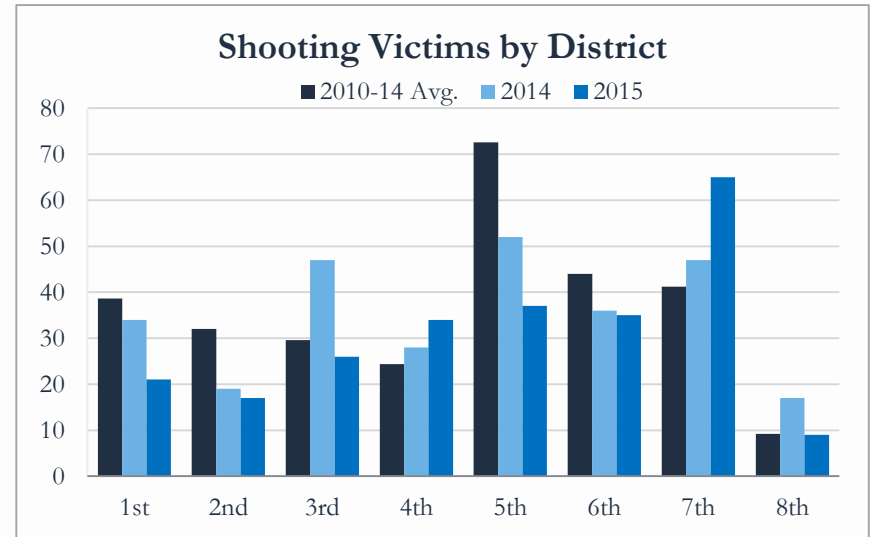
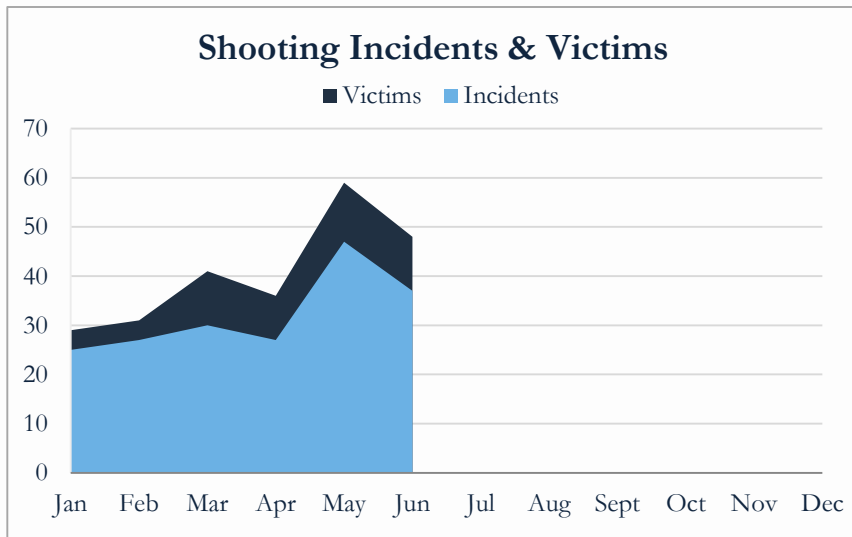
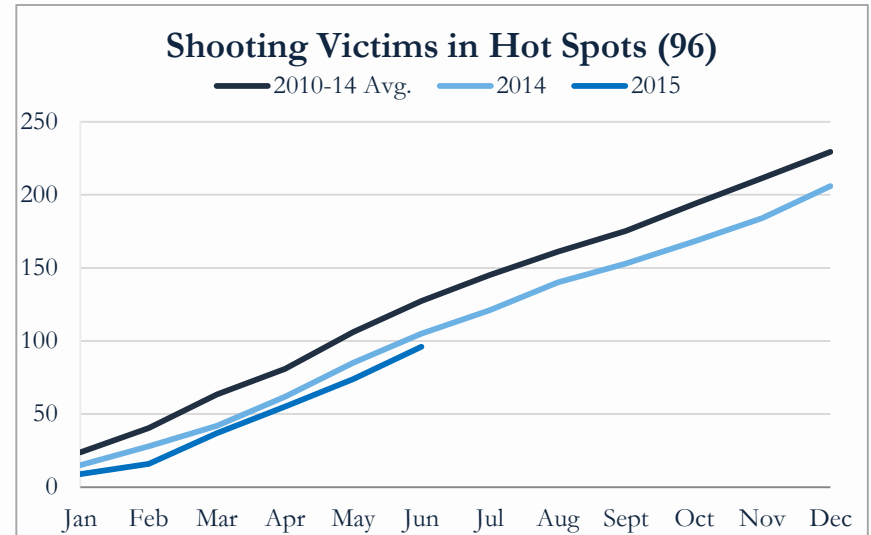
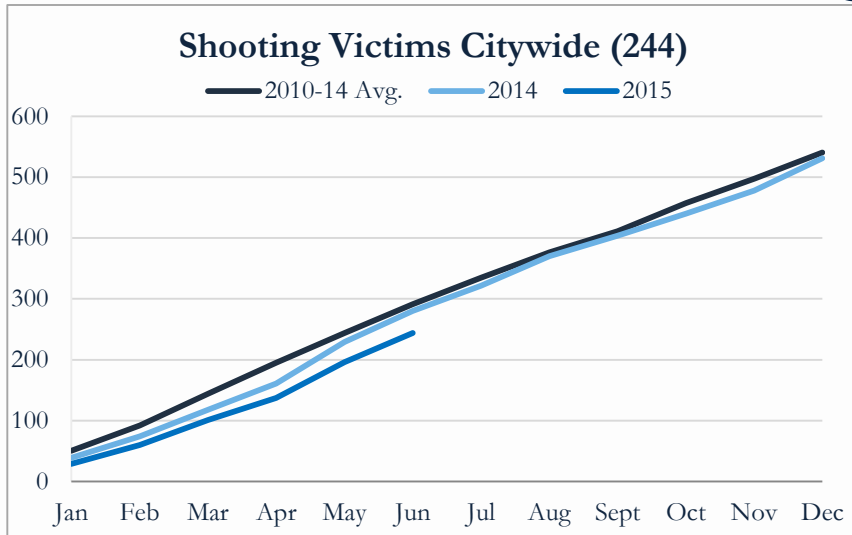


Murder Weapons

- Firearms were the most commonly used weapon in the commission of a murder in the 2nd Quarter for both 2014 (92%) and 2015 (95%)
- Handguns were used more than any other style of firearm (66%) in the 2nd Quarter 2015
- The use of assault rifles increased to 16% in 2nd Quarter 2015 from 4% in 2nd Quarter 2014



Shooting Trends

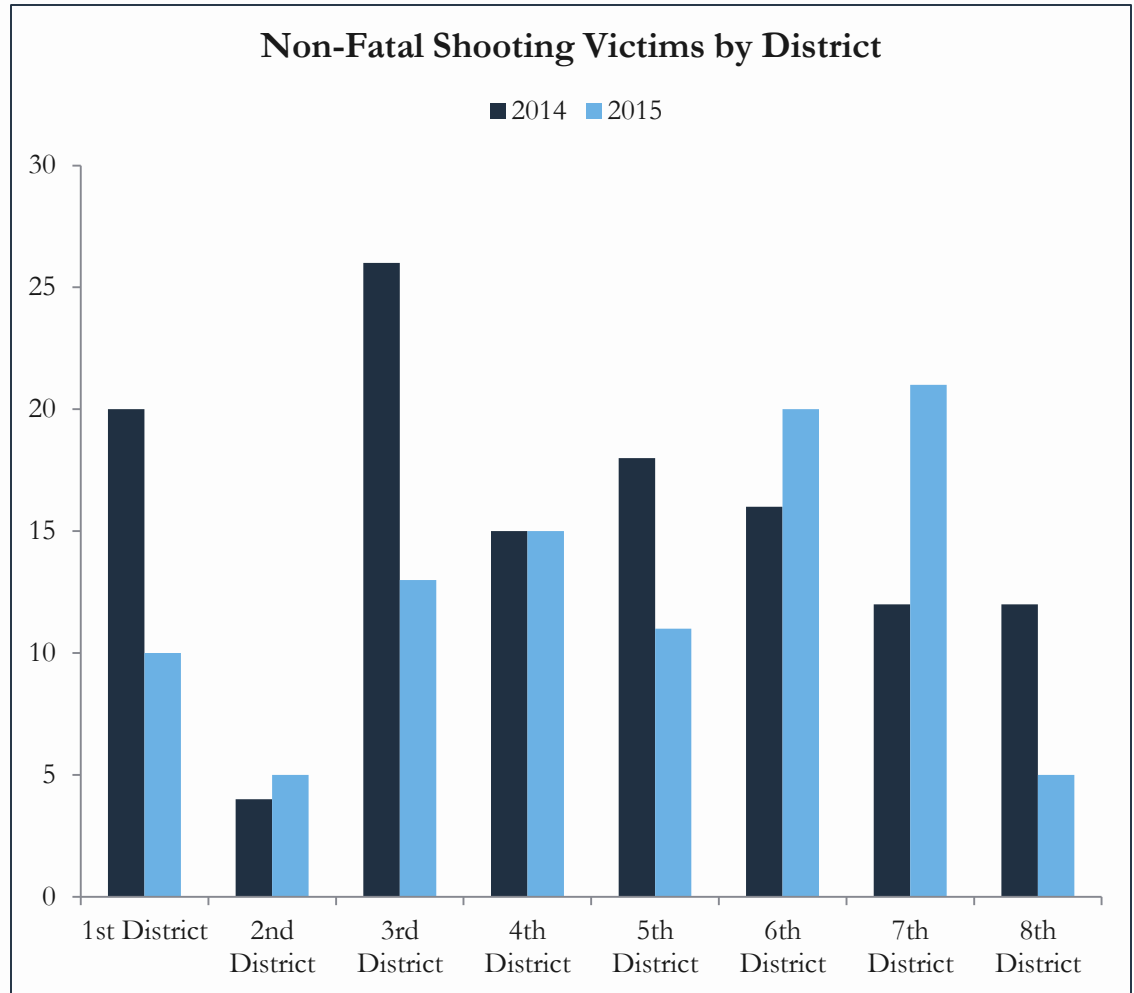


Note on shootings: The number of shootings presented in these graphs are those that are known to NOPD. Shootings that did not strike an individual are not included.



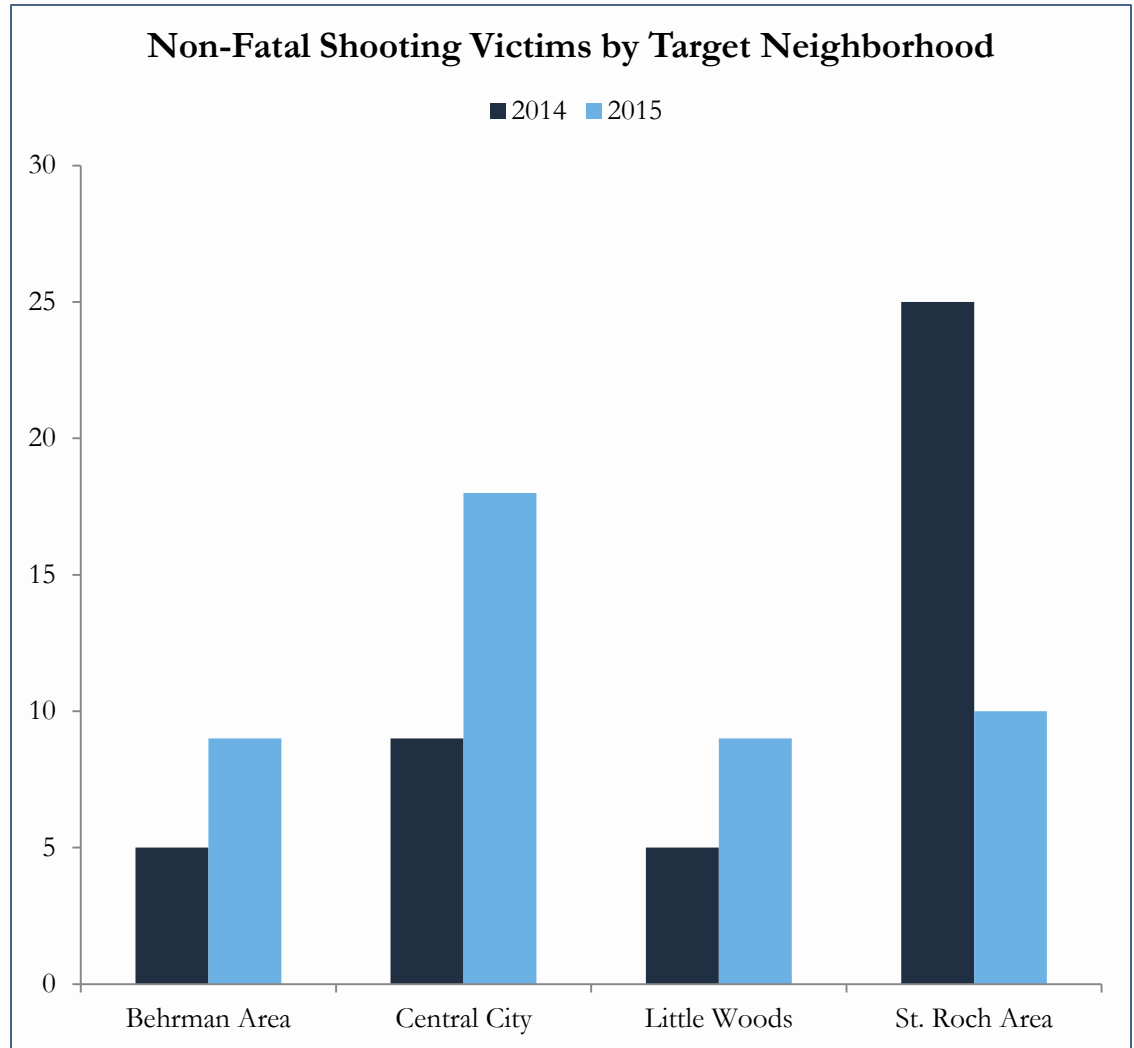
Non-Fatal Shooting Victims by District

- The 1st, 3rd, and 8th Districts saw significantly fewer non-fatal shooting victims in 2nd Quarter 2015 compared to 2nd Quarter 2014 (-100%, -100%, and -120% respectively)
- The 7th District experienced the greatest increase in the 2nd Quarter over 2014 (+75%)



Non-Fatal Shooting Victims by Target Neighborhood

- The St. Roch Area was the only Target Neighborhood to see a decrease (-15) in non-fatal shooting victims in the 2nd Quarter compared to 2nd Quarter 2014
- Among Target Neighborhoods, Central City experienced the largest increase in the 2nd Quarter over 2nd Quarter 2014 at +100% (+9)



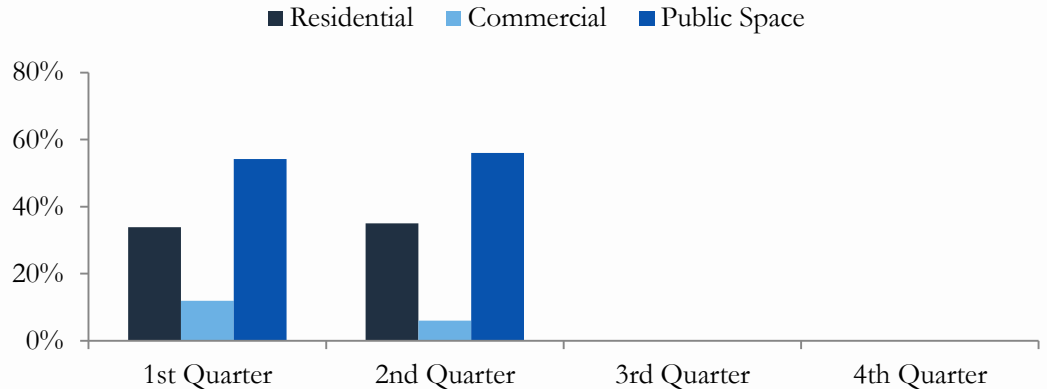
Target Neighborhoods Include: Behrman Area, Central City, Little Woods, and St. Roch Area.



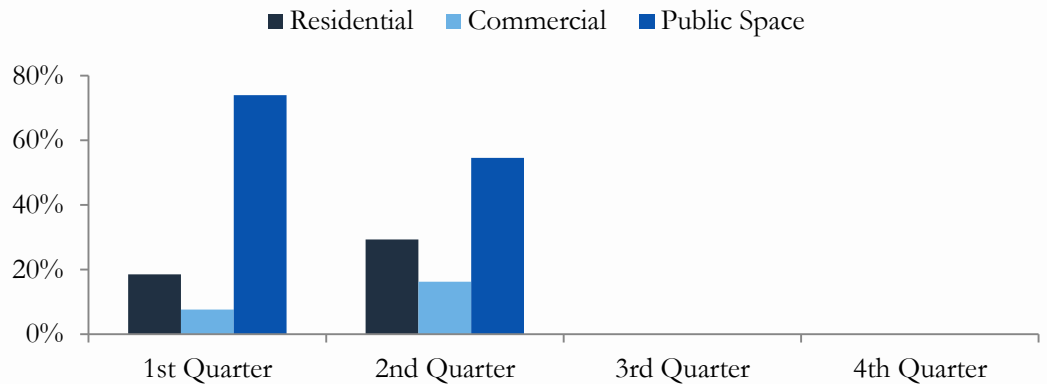
Non-Fatal Shooting Trends

- The majority of non-fatal shootings occurred in a public space, which has not changed significantly compared to the 2nd Quarter 2014 and the 1st Quarter 2015

Non-Fatal Shootings by Type of Location, 2015



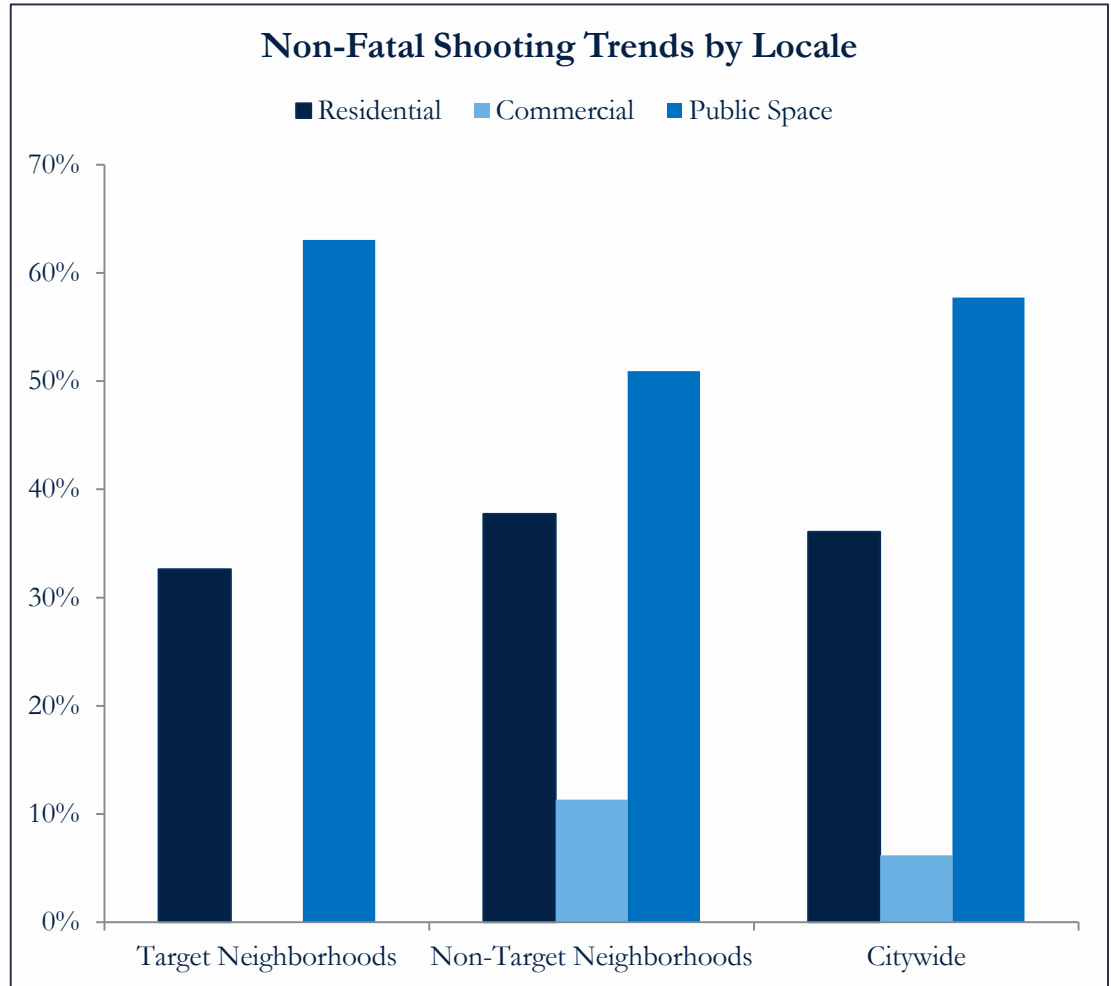
Non-Fatal Shootings by Type of Location, 2014



Non-Fatal Shooting Trends

By Target Neighborhoods, Non-Target Neighborhoods, and Citywide, 2015

- Non-fatal shooting victims were more likely to be shot in public spaces in all neighborhoods
- A slightly higher proportion of non-fatal shooting victims were shot at a residence in Non-Target Neighborhoods than in Target Neighborhoods

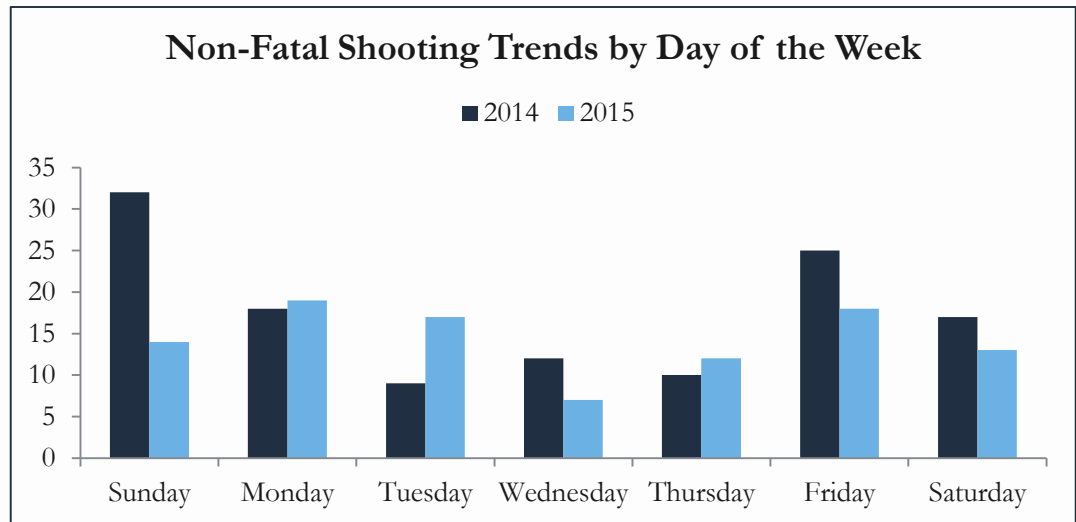
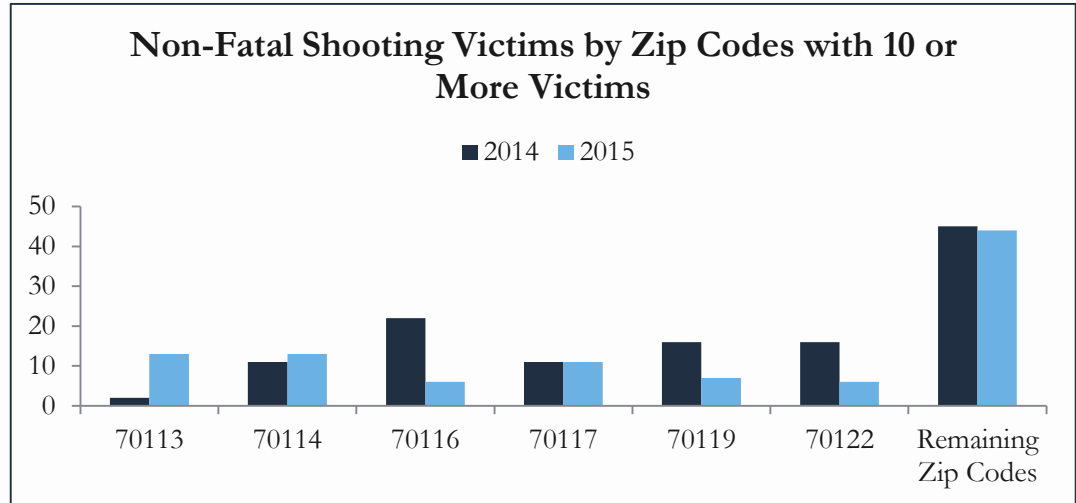


Target Neighborhoods Include: Behrman Area, Central City, Little Woods, and St. Roch Area.



Non-Fatal Shooting Trends

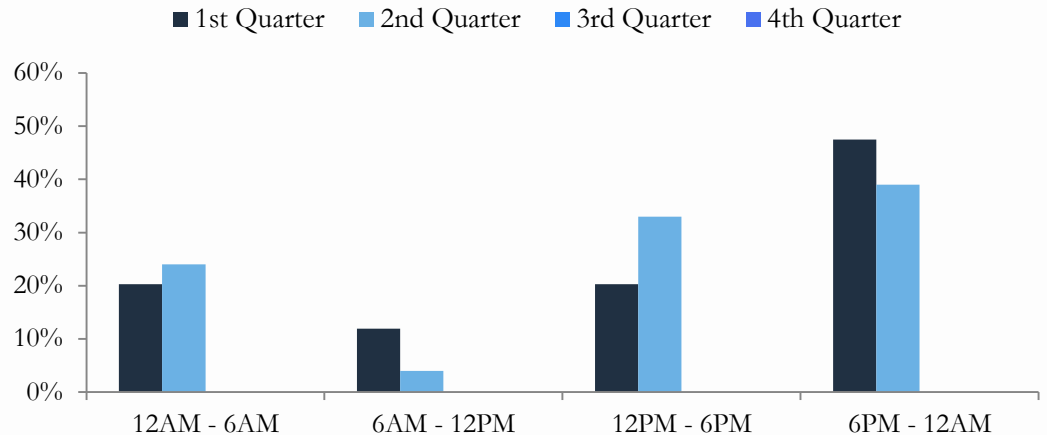
- Fifty-six percent (56) of all non-fatal shootings occurred in 6 zip codes (33% of the City's population)
- Zip code 70116 experienced the largest decrease in the 2nd Quarter compared to the 2nd Quarter 2014 (-73%; -16)
- Zip code 70113 saw the largest increase in the 2nd Quarter compared to the 2nd Quarter 2014 (+550%; +11)
- Compared to the 2nd Quarter 2014, there were fewer non-fatal shooting victims on all days except Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays
- Sundays showed the largest decrease in non-fatal shooting victims (-56%; -18)



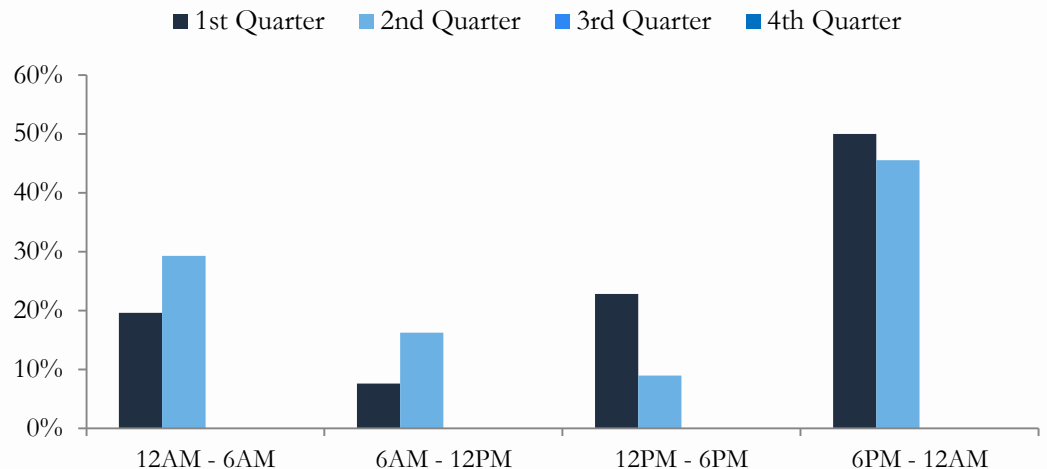
Non-Fatal Shooting Trends

- More non-fatal shootings occurred between 6PM and 12AM than any other time frame for the 2nd Quarter in both 2014 and 2015
- There was an increase in non-fatal shooting victims between 12PM-6PM in the 2nd Quarter compared to the 1st Quarter 2015 (+13 percentage points) and 2nd Quarter 2014 (+22 percentage points)

Non-Fatal Shootings by Time Category, 2015



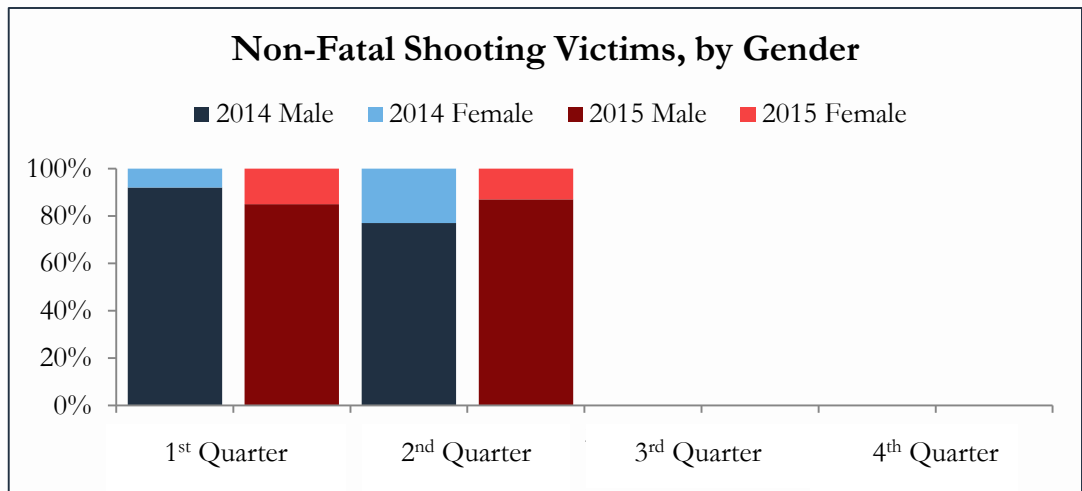
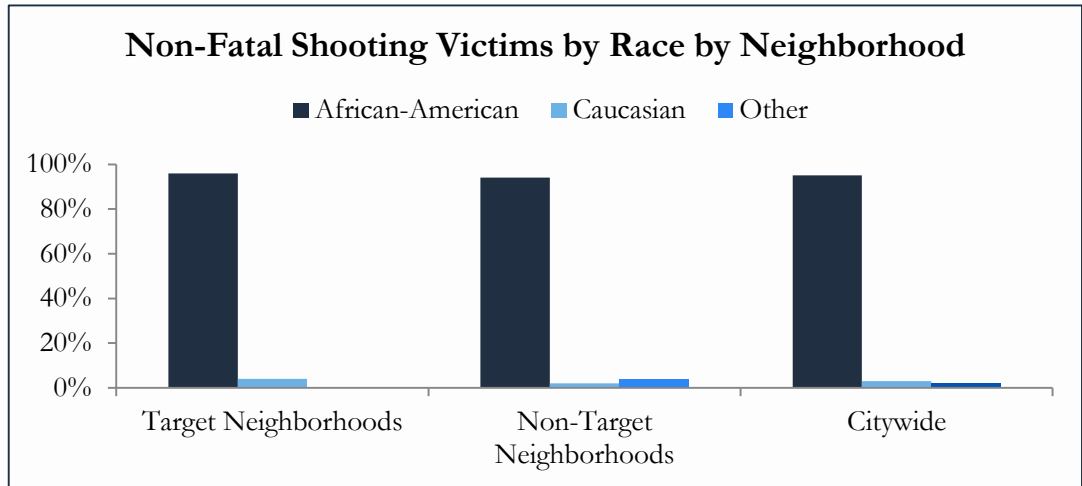
Non-Fatal Shootings by Time Category, 2014



Non-Fatal Shooting Victims' Demographics

By Target Neighborhoods, Non-Target Neighborhoods, and Citywide, 2015

- The majority of non-fatal shooting victims were African-American, which did not differ between Target and Non-Target Neighborhoods
- There was little change in the percent of female non-fatal victims between 1st and 2nd Quarter 2015
- About 1 in 8 non-fatal shooting victims were female in 2nd Quarter 2015 versus about 1 in 4 in 2nd Quarter 2014

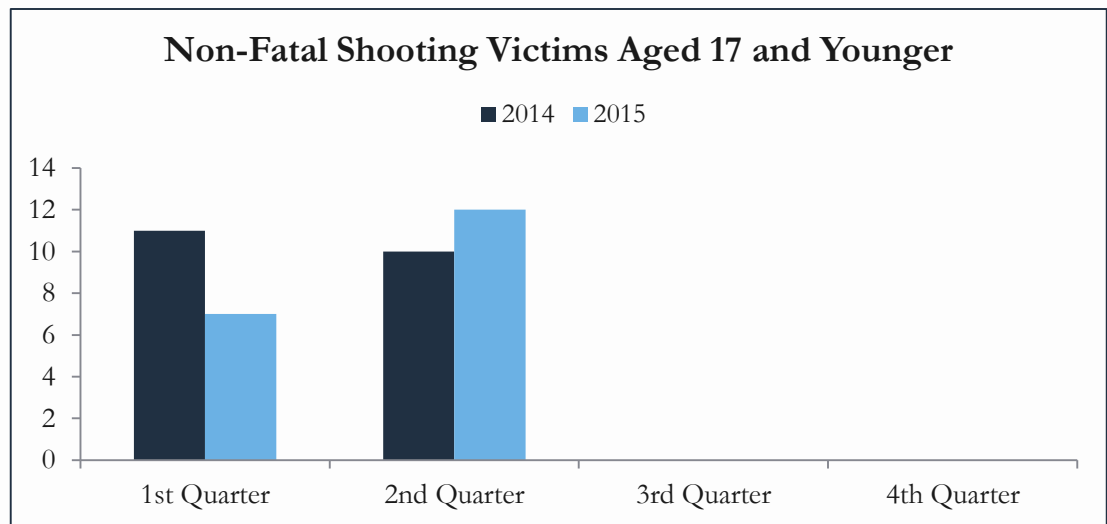
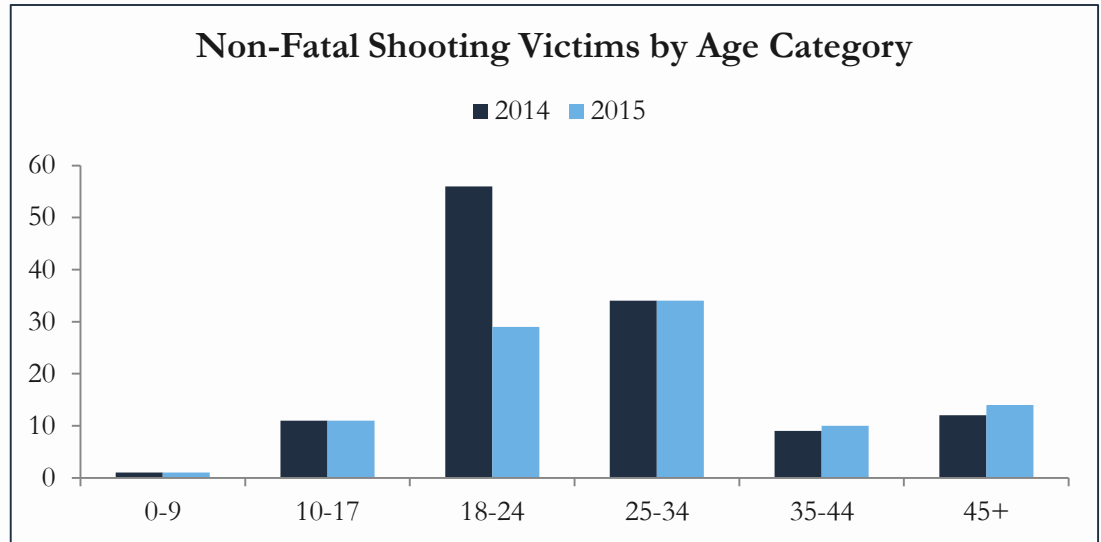


Target Neighborhoods Include: Behrman Area, Central City, Little Woods, and St. Roch Area.



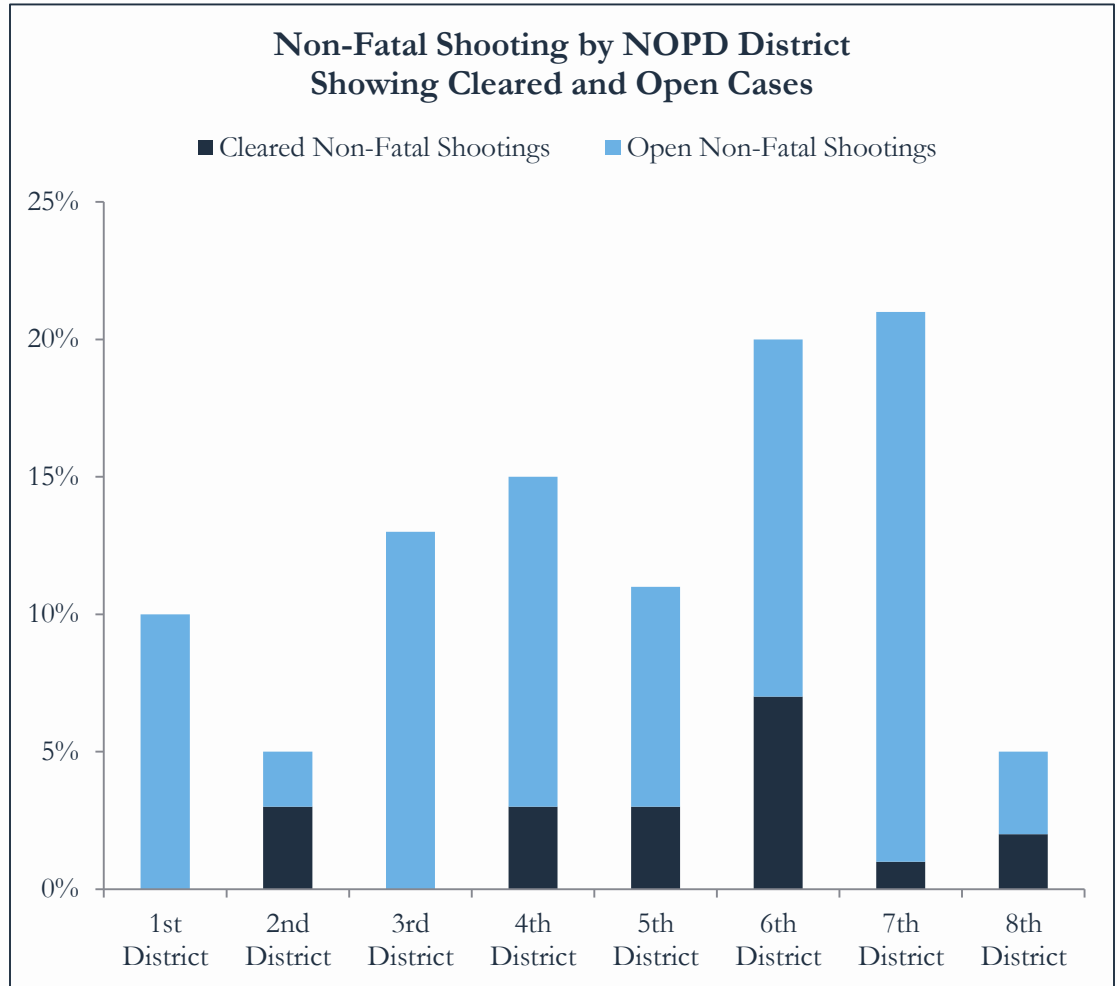
Non-Fatal Shooting Victims' Demographics

- There was a significant decrease in non-fatal shooting victims between the ages of 18-24 (-48%; -27) in the 2nd Quarter 2015 compared to 2nd Quarter 2014
- There were 5 more non-fatal shooting victims aged 17 and younger in the 2nd Quarter than in the 1st Quarter 2015
- There were no significant differences in the percent of non-fatal shooting victims within the NOLA FOR LIFE target group from 2nd Quarter 2014 to 2nd Quarter 2015 (35% and 34% respectively)



Non-Fatal Shooting Clearance Rate by NOPD District

- The 2nd, 4th, 5th, and 6th Districts all increased their murder clearance rates from 2nd Quarter 2014
- The 1st and 3rd Districts did not clear any non-fatal shootings in the 2nd Quarter 2015
- The overall non-fatal shooting clearance rate for the 2nd Quarter 2015 was 19%

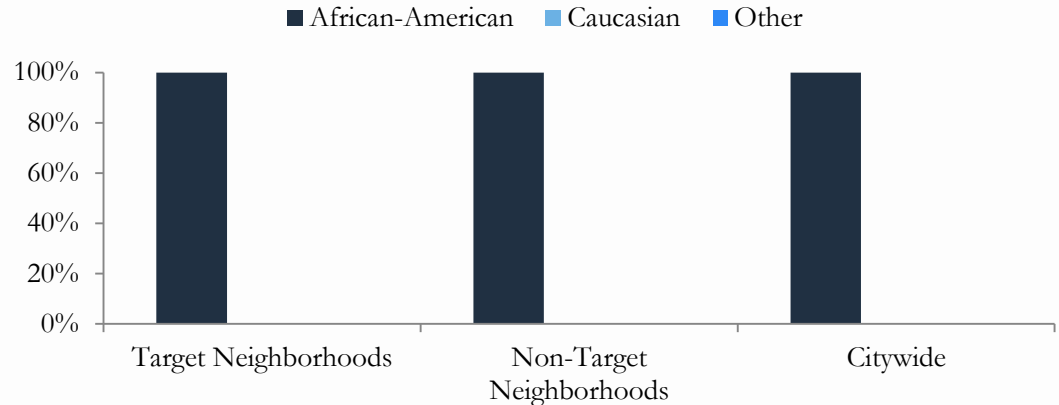


Arrested Non-Fatal Shooting Suspects' Demographics

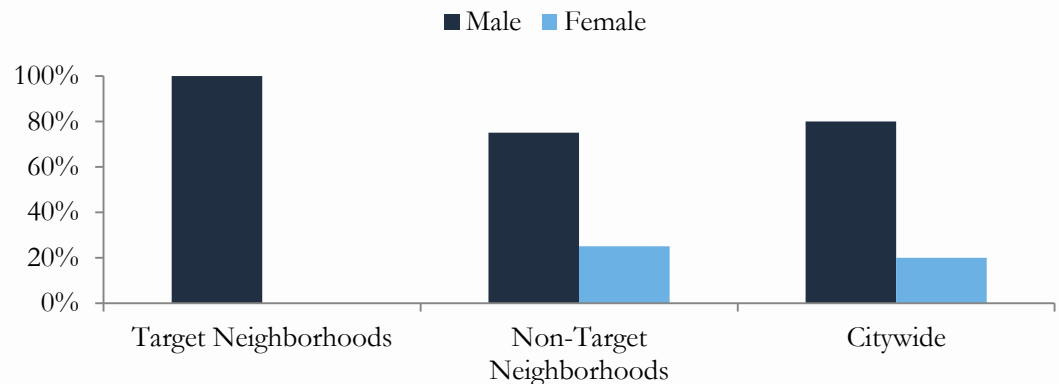
By Target Neighborhoods, Non-Target Neighborhoods, and Citywide, 2015

- Arrested non-fatal shooting suspects in 2015 have been exclusively African-American
- Arrested non-fatal shooting suspects in Target Neighborhoods have been all been male
- One arrested non-fatal shooting suspect in a Non-Target Neighborhood was female

Arrested Non-Fatal Shooting Suspects by Race, 2015



Arrested Non-Fatal Shooting Suspects by Gender, 2015

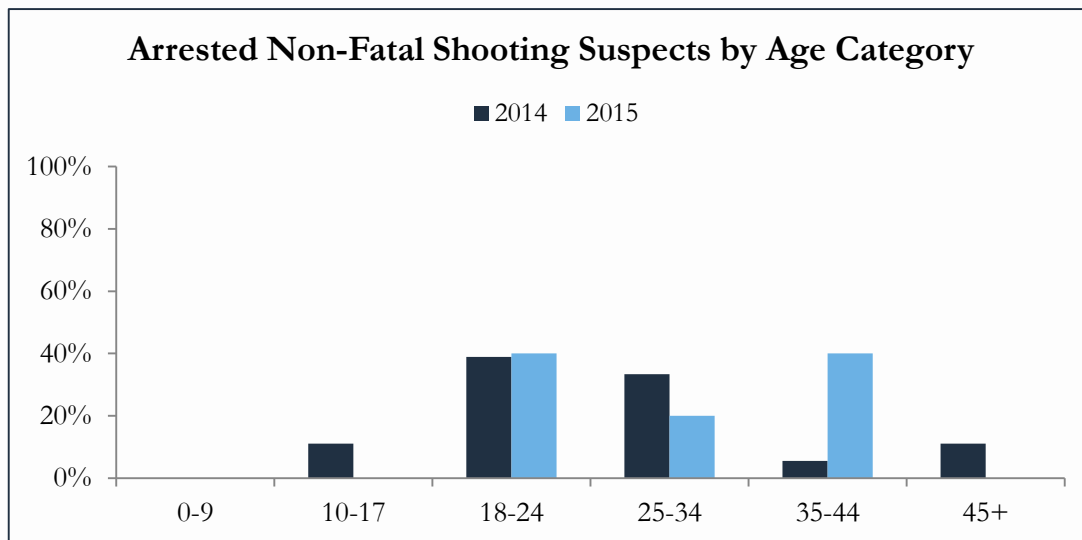
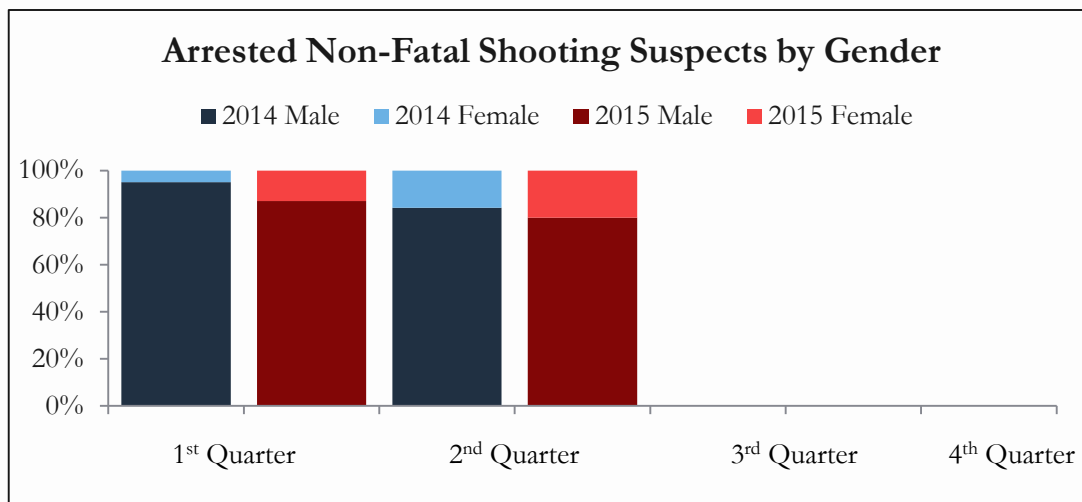


Target Neighborhoods Include: Behrman Area, Central City, Little Woods, and St. Roch Area.



Arrested Non-Fatal Shooting Suspects' Demographics

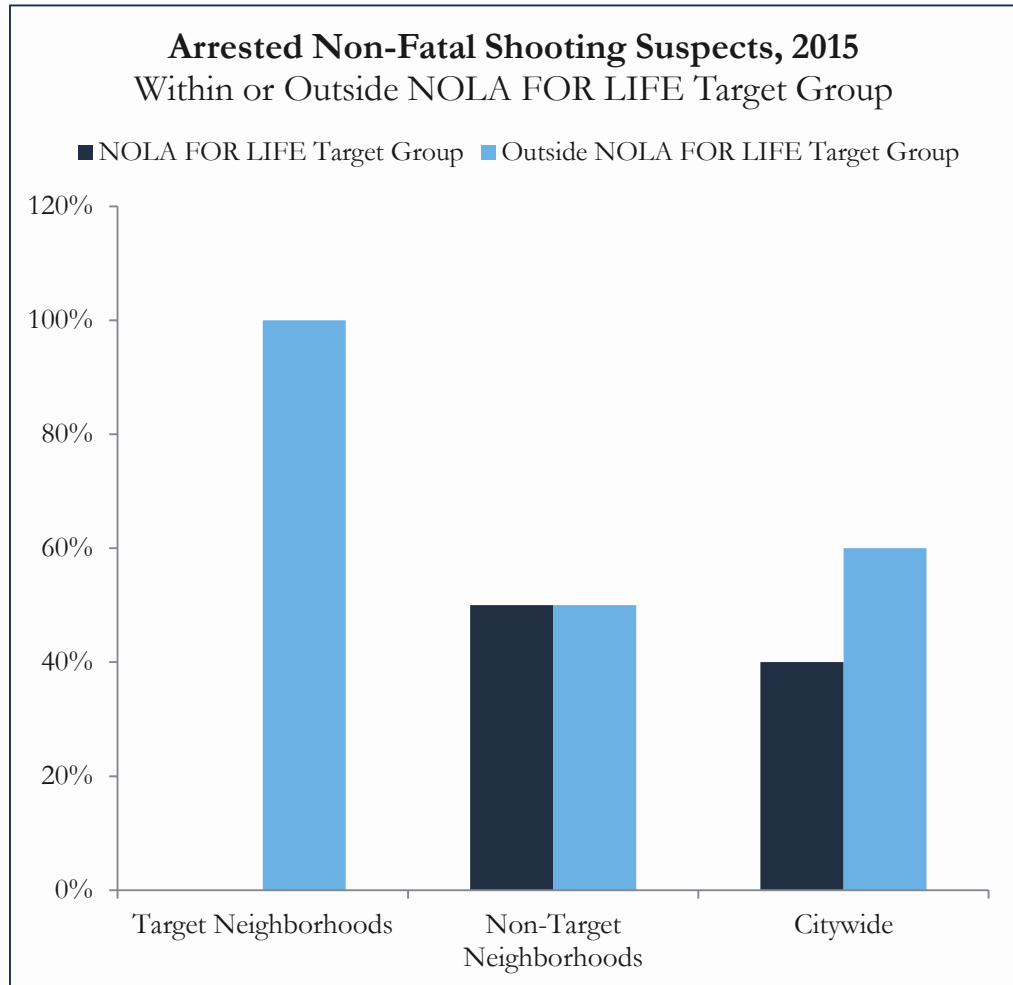
- The percent of female arrested non-fatal shooting suspects increased from 5% in 3rd Quarter 2014 to 14% in 3rd Quarter 2015, but the number was 1 in each year
- There was little increase over 2nd Quarter 2014 in arrested non-fatal shooting suspects age 18-24 in 2nd Quarter 2015
- There were zero arrested non-fatal shooting suspects in 10-17 and 45+ age categories in 2nd Quarter 2015



Arrested Non-Fatal Shooting Suspects' Demographics

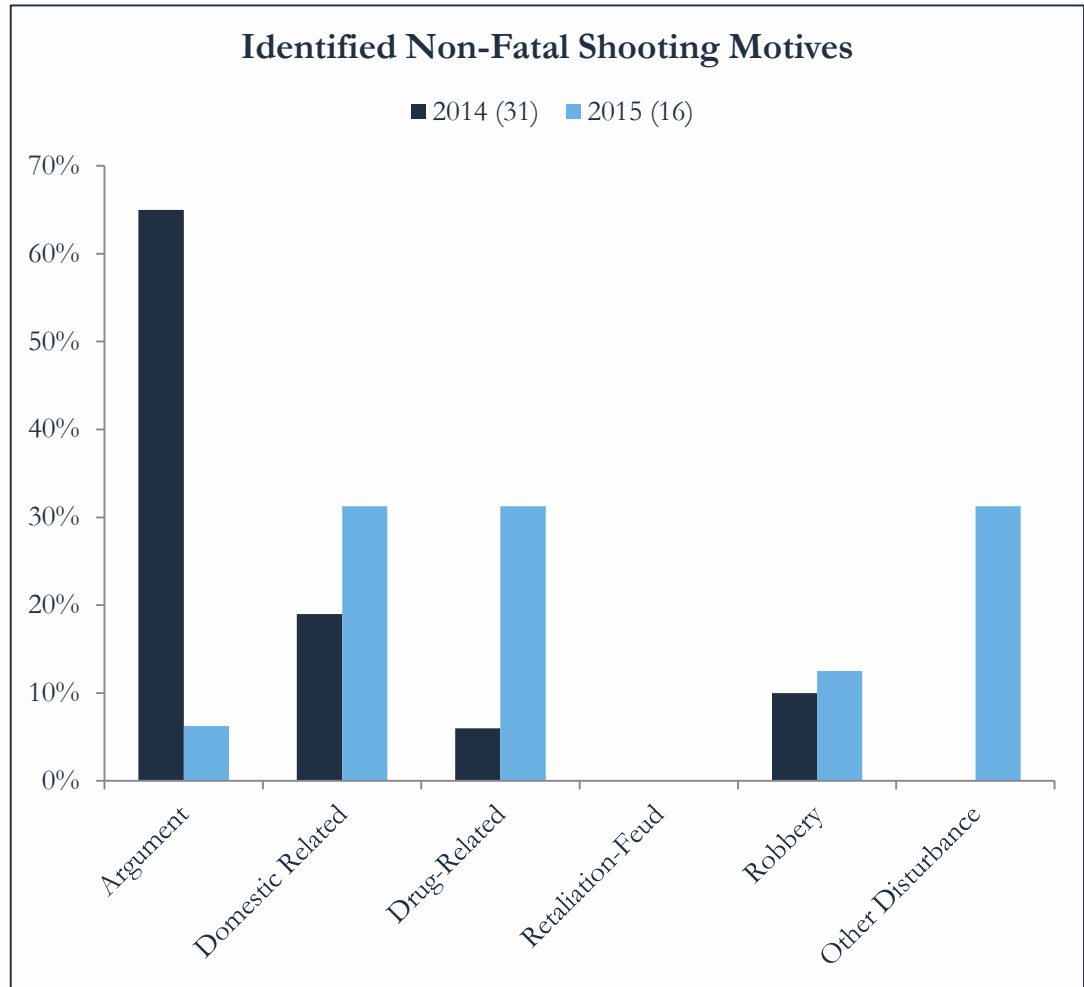
By Target Neighborhoods, Non-Target Neighborhoods, and Citywide, 2015

- Arrested non-fatal shooting suspects were less likely to fit the NOLA FOR LIFE target group of African-American males aged 16-24
- All arrested suspects of non-fatal shootings were outside the NOLA FOR LIFE target group because they were older
- The average age of an arrested non-fatal shooting suspect older than the NOLA FOR LIFE target group was 31 years old



Identified Non-Fatal Shooting Motives

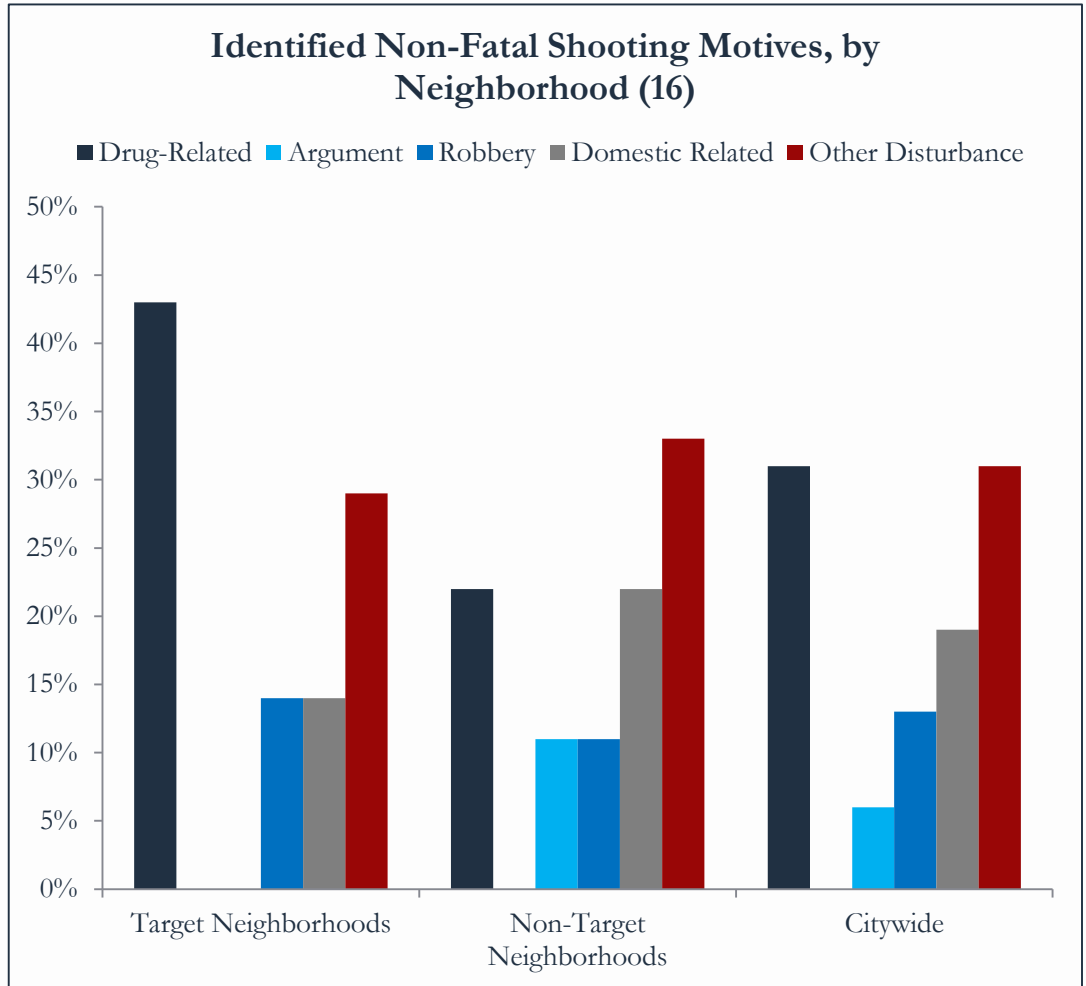
- Thirty-one non-fatal shootings in 2nd Quarter 2014 and 16 in 2nd Quarter 2015 had identified motives
- There were zero non-fatal shootings that were identified as retaliation or feud in in the 2nd Quarter for both 2014 and 2015
- Non-fatal shootings resulting from arguments have decreased significantly from 65% in the 2nd Quarter 2014 to 6% of identified motives in 2nd Quarter 2015
- With the exception of arguments and retaliations-feuds, all other identified motives have increased in the 2nd Quarter 2015 over 2nd Quarter 2014



Identified Non-Fatal Shooting Motives

By Target Neighborhoods, Non-Target Neighborhoods, and Citywide, 2015

- Drug-related non-fatal shootings were more common in Target Neighborhoods than in Non-Target Neighborhoods
- Non-fatal shootings related to other forms of disturbances are more likely to occur in Non-Target Neighborhoods than Target Neighborhoods
- Domestic-related non-fatal shootings were more likely to occur in Non-Target Neighborhoods than Target Neighborhoods

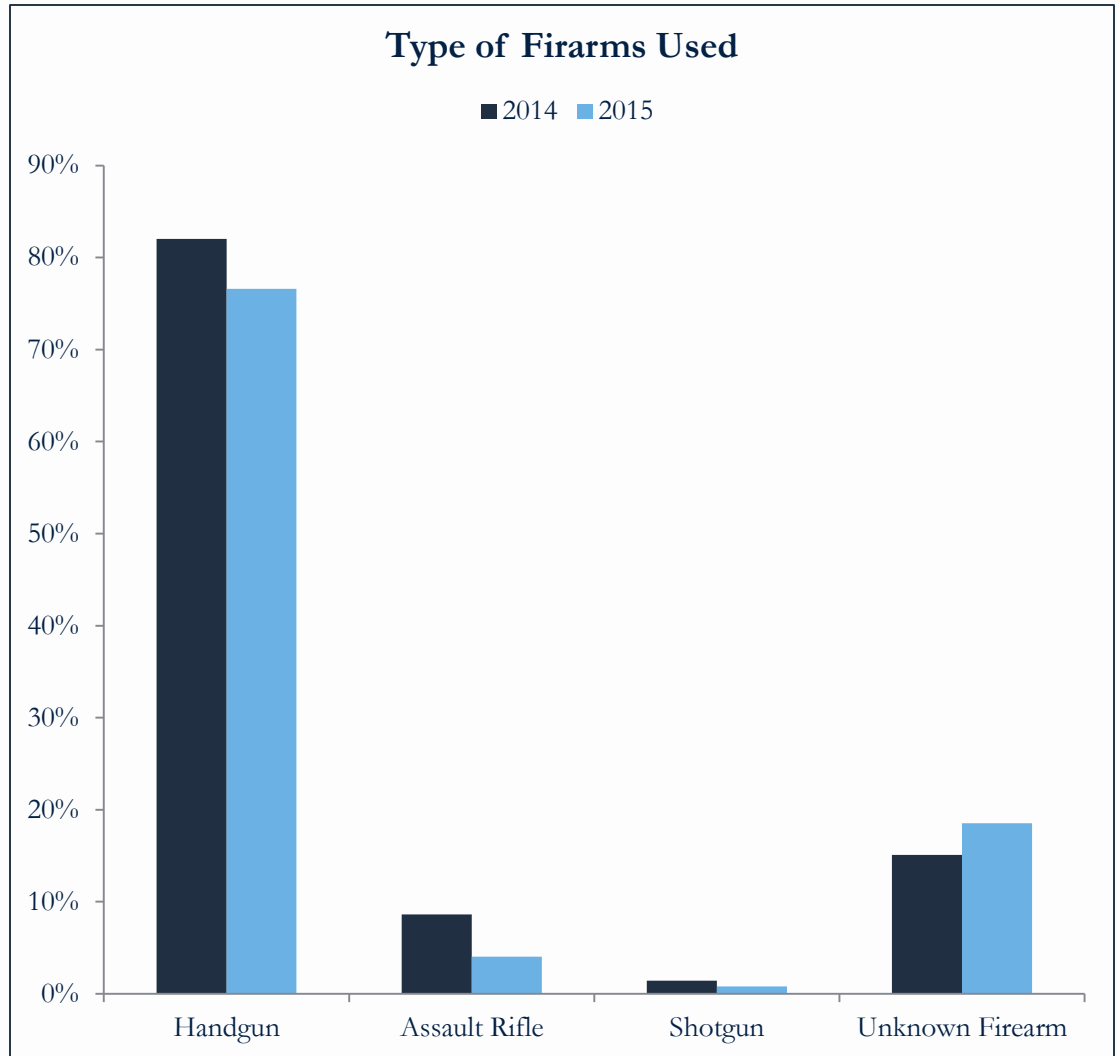


Target Neighborhoods Include: Behrman Area, Central City, Little Woods, and St. Roch Area.



Non-Fatal Shooting Weapons

- Similar to the 2nd Quarter in 2014, the majority of non-fatal shootings in the 2nd Quarter 2015 were committed with some type of handgun (77%)
- There was a slight decrease in the use of assault rifles in non-fatal shootings (-4 percentage points)
- About 1 in 5 firearms used in a non-fatal shooting were not identified as a specific type



Contact Information

For Additional Questions and Comments

For further information about future activities and reports, please contact:

Sarah Schirmer

Criminal Justice Policy Advisor

Office of Criminal Justice Coordination

Office of Mayor Mitch Landrieu

1300 Perdido St.

Suite 8W03

New Orleans, LA 70112

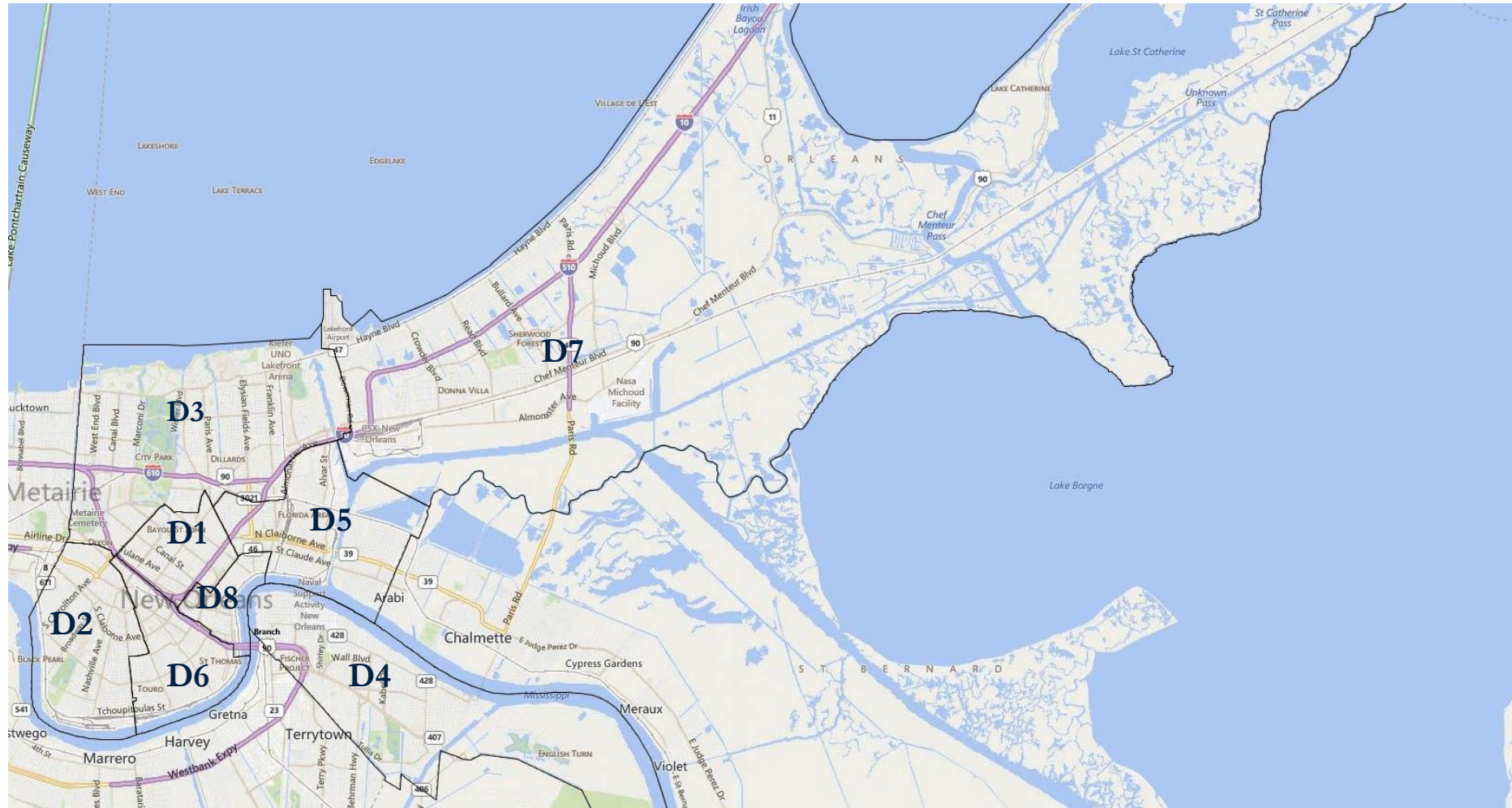
slschirmer@nola.gov



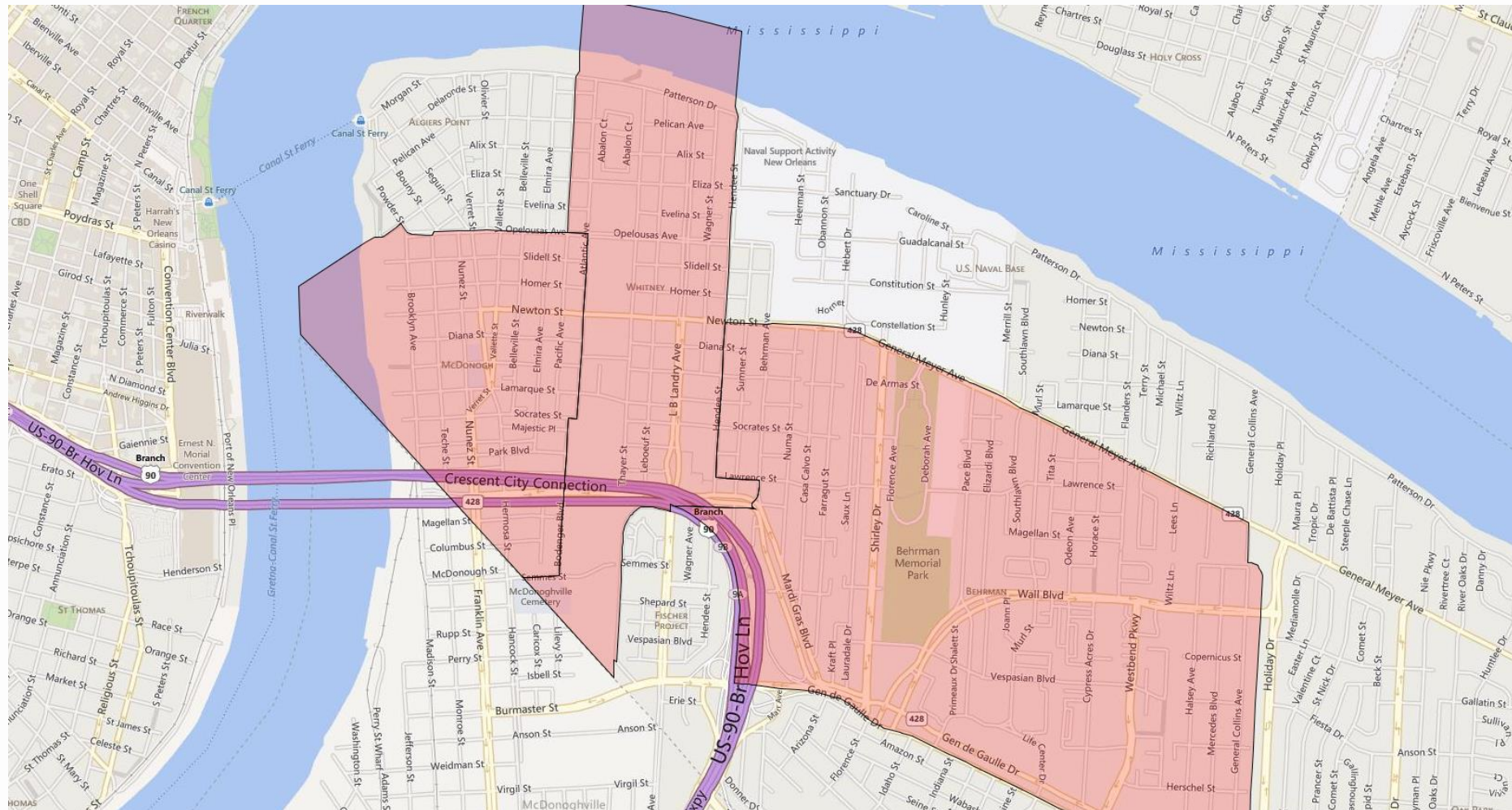
APPENDIX



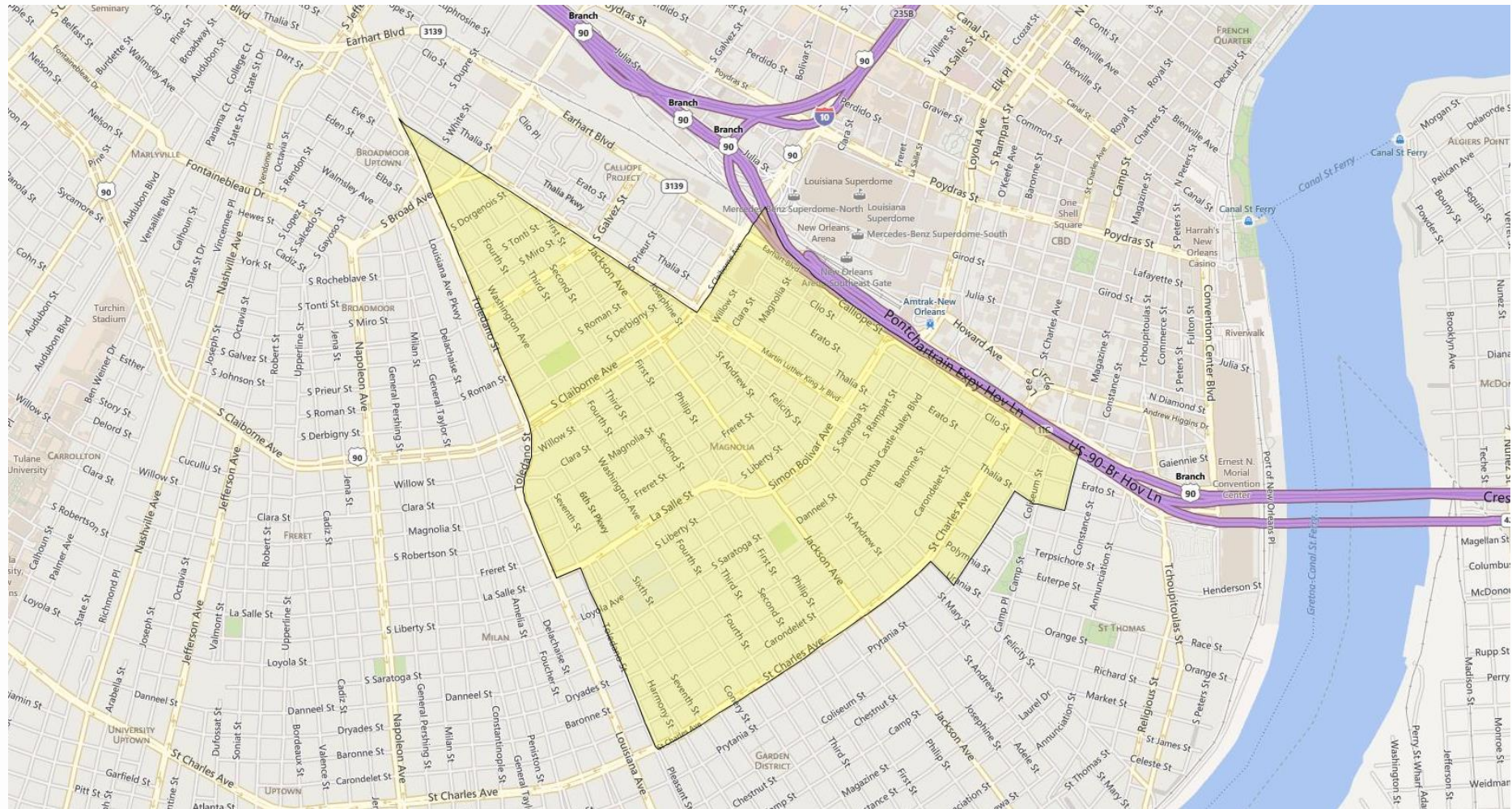
NOPD Districts



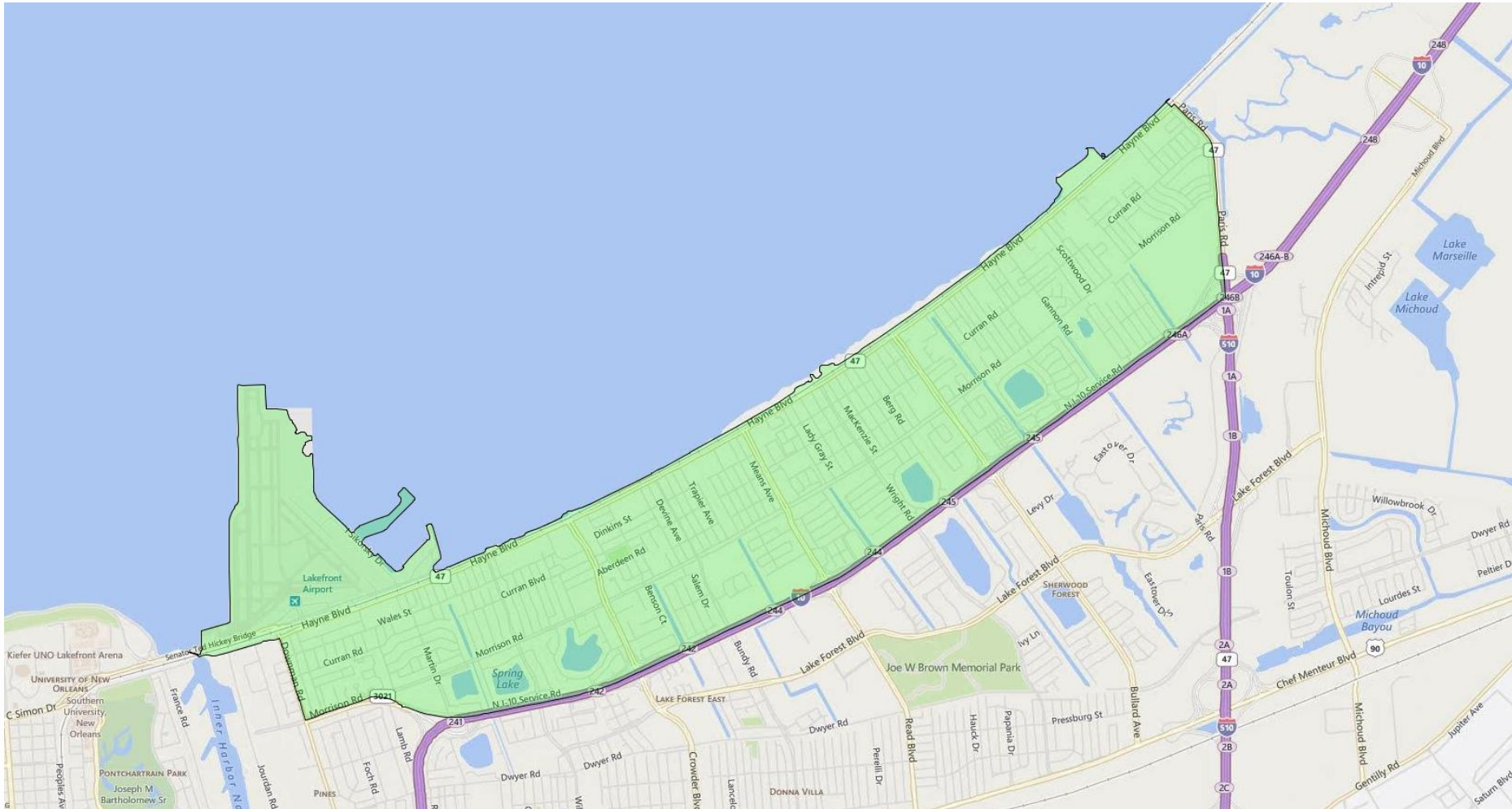
NOLA FOR LIFE Target Area: Behrman Area



NOLA FOR LIFE Target Area: Central City



NOLA FOR LIFE Target Area: Little Woods



NOLA FOR LIFE Target Area: St. Roch Area

